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U.S. AID TO CONTINUE UNDER COALITION

Hoffman Says China To Get ECA Help Under Free Govt ECA's Policy

Shanghai, December 13.

The assurance that aid to the Chinese people would continue in the event China comes under a coalition Government granting fundamental freedoms to the nation, was given by Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, the Economic Co-operation Administrator at a press conference this afternoon.

He added, however, "we would certainly not go along with any coalition government which suppresses religious and press freedoms."

Mr. Hoffman, who arrived here on Saturday evening for a first-hand inspection of ECA projects said: "We don't know exactly what will happen or what coalition may be set up. But if the future coalition presents all the people, I will recommend further aid and the relief of the Chinese people."

He called attention to Secretary Marshall's Harvard speech in which Marshall pointed out that his plan was not against any Government, country or doctrine, but against hunger, want, poverty and distress.

Mr. Hoffman said, however, if we ascertained that the new Government was beginning to enslave the people and suppress free institutions the ECA would get out."

Interim Aid

Asked what the ECA would do during the interim period before it became clear what the new Government would be like, Mr. Hoffman replied: "During the interim while we are still not sure what the new Government may be like I would recommend continued aid providing that the new Government would permit us to administer and distribute this aid in our own way."

In reply to a question whether a coalition containing 51 per cent Reds would be acceptable, Mr. Hoffman said, "you can't apply a slide rule. We'd have to wait and determine the character of the new Government and what it does."

Mr. Hoffman said rehabilitation prospects which he has approved are already going ahead where possible in China, but no long range projects have been added until the situation clarifies itself.

Purpose Of Visit

He said the purpose of his visit was not to determine or define the policy of the United States towards China.

"I haven't the qualifications or the authority to settle complex military or political issues that are involved. The function of the ECA is solely to administer the economic programmes that have been approved by the President and Congress."

"We do not have any responsibility for obtaining or administering funds for military aid."

He added that any National Government would be expected to take over the obligations of the present Government.

Mr. Roger Lapham, the ECA Director for China, who attended the conference with the United States Ambassador, Mr. Leighton Stuart, said the ECA at present had no plans for removal from Shanghai.

To Meet Chiang

Mr. Hoffman is leaving for Nanking tonight to meet Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Mr. Hoffman's constant reference to the possible new Chinese "coalition Government" wherein he evidently included the Communists is considered significant by observers, as only a few hours before he received the Press, he had had a long talk with the Premier, Dr. Sun Fo.

It has hardened the belief among informed circles that Dr. Sun Fo is attempting to set up a caretaker Government to pave the way for peace talks with the Communists and an eventual formation of a coalition including the Communists. —Reuter and Associated Press.

Accepting Gifts Was Unwise, John Belcher Tells London Tribunal

London, December 13.

Mr. John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, today told the Tribunal probing alleged corruption in Government circles he had accepted gifts because he had acquired the mind of the business world.

His contacts over the past two and a half years with business men had brought him into a sphere where the exchange of gifts was a normal occurrence. He had, therefore, seen nothing wrong in accepting such gifts as bottles of liquor from Sir Maurice Bloch, chief of a distilling firm.

Mr. Belcher told the Tribunal he now saw it had been unwise.

He agreed that Sir Maurice had talked over with him his difficulty in getting a licence to import sherry casks and that he had asked his private secretary to take the matter up.

But this was because he thought Bloch had a good case and had nothing to do with personal gifts.

Mr. Belcher, who was in the witness stand for the third day, was asked if he had any doubt now that Bloch had given him these presents so as to have an easier approach to him.

He replied that since he disliked imputing dishonourable motives to somebody who had been on friendly terms he would rather not express an opinion.

The Attorney General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, suggested that when allegations of corruption reach the Lord Chancellor, Britain's highest legal authority, Mr. Belcher had not given a full and frank statement because he thought the matter could be passed over.

Mr. Belcher replied that he had written to the Lord Chancellor as much as he thought would be needed and as much as he could find time to write.

He had gone on holiday worried about the matter but had thought it was just somebody's connection.

He agreed that he had been a fairly close friend of Robert Liversidge, an earlier witness who admitted that by leaving Britain he had once avoided arrest on fraud charges.

Liversidge had several times come to his office to discuss a scheme he had for the development of international trade.

But, Mr. Belcher said, he had never talked with Liversidge about the export of millions of cement bags without a licence. —Reuter.

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Red Withdrawal

Nanking, December 13.

The Communists, earlier reported across the railway at points 25 miles Northward of Nanking, have withdrawn, according to reliable sources this afternoon.

They retired to the low hills East of the railway, where they still offer a threat to the lifeline of the Nationalist forces above Pengpu, who are vainly attempting to reach the encircled army groups in the Anhwei-Kiangsu-Honan border region.

The Communists are in two independent brigades and probably total nearly 10,000 men.

The withdrawal permitted repairs to the damaged track this morning and a resumption of traffic between Pukow and Pengpu.

Observers said it is not likely that these Communists would attempt to push on to the river opposite Nanking.

The Communist advance on the city would not be attempted until a decision had been reached. Northward of Pengpu, where observers said the position of the surrounded-Nationalist-units was becoming more precarious as supplies diminished and the noise of encirclement was drawn tighter.

Unless unexpected help arrived, it was not thought likely that General Huang Wei's 12th Army group could hold out much longer, as the rescuing forces from Pengpu were now making little progress.

Barrier Useless

Apart from offering a threat to the railway between Pukow and Pengpu observers said that the independent brigades' occupation of the low hills to the East had the tactical effect of the Communist advance to use this ground as the last week natural barrier to the Southward Communist advance.

Informal sources said tonight that Nationalists of General Huang Wei's encircled 12th Army group, South West of Suhsien, had lost seven out of the original 10 divisions.

Although the Communist brigades which struck at the railway Northward of Pukow had withdrawn, further activity by Communist bands was tonight reported on both sides of the line near Mingkuang, about 20 miles South East of Pengpu.

Fighting is progressing but rail traffic continuing.

Fighting meanwhile shifted closer to Peiping from the North.

Clashes were in progress today near Tsinghoan, eight miles North of Peiping. Strong rumours that the Nationalists had abandoned Changchun and Nankou, 20 and 25 miles North West of Peiping, were not confirmed.

The telecommunications bureau, replying to an inquiry, said no messages could be accepted for Nankou. —Reuter and Associated Press.

REDS TAKE OVER KMA MINES

Tientsin, December 13.

The whole area of the Sino-British Kailan Mining Administration mines were peacefully occupied overnight following the Nationalist withdrawal. It is learned this morning.

The Communists commenced moving in as darkness fell and fragmentary reports indicate they have already assumed full control of the entire region without an incident or any disturbance. —Reuter.

Daring Armed Robbery Of Junk

An undetermined number of men, armed with two revolvers, two Mausers, and a light machine-gun on two Hoko junks held up a Hong Kong registered junk yesterday morning and stole \$12,500 in cash.

According to the 36-year-old master of the junk, Chiu Chai, his craft was about a quarter of a mile off Pak Shek Chow when he

was hailed by two Hoko junks, one of which contained four men, two of whom armed with revolvers and the other two with Mauser pistols. The other junk contained several men armed with a light machine gun.

Those on board the second junk covered the first Hoko boat while it was going along side Chiu's craft. From a distance of about 100 yards, the four men on board the first junk fired six shots at a signal for Chiu to stop.

One of the armed men then boarded Chiu's junk and searched the seven members of the crew who were covered by the other three armed robbers. When nothing was found on the boatmen, the robbers searched the junk and took banknotes, amounting to \$12,500, from the hold.

Chiu was then told to sail his junk to the Chinese territories under pin of being fired on. The two Hoko junks sailed off in the direction of Sha Tau.

Picture Of The Day

Leaving For Palestine



Lieutenant Commander T.B. Roderick of Warren, Ohio, checks displaced and stateless Jews as they board the UGS Henrice for Shanghai in Tientsin. The refugees will be transferred to another ship in Shanghai and continue their journey to Palestine. —AP Photo.

Britons In Shanghai Determined To Stay In Spite Of Red Threat

Shanghai, December 13.

British business—with the biggest foreign stake in China hanging in the balance—faces the Red threat here, determined to see it through.

As opposed to the U.S. programme of evacuating its nationals and dependents, the British have blueprinted plans to concentrate their nationals within Shanghai to protect them when and if an emergency crystallises.

Most Americans who talk to either have sent or are sending their families home. Most Britishers here are shocked at the idea.

One British lady, a 20-year resident of Shanghai, was stopped on the Bund by a friend. "Are you evacuating?" the friend asked her. "Good Lord, no!" she said.

Established Trade

One reason for the difference in stands between the United States and Britain: British holdings and interests in China are rooted in generations of trade while the Americans began sinking shafts of industry into China's soil in the comparatively recent past.

The British owned North China Daily News, voice of British trade in China, in one of many recent editorials attacking the "spirit of defeatism."

"The great trading machinery built up over so many years will not be saved by evacuation. The solution—the only solution—is overall protection and maintenance of this machinery. To denude existing organisations of efficient staffs required to handle present and future business would be a serious disservice to our country."

The North China Daily News has been consistently attacking what it describes as the bad policy of the present British Government for the "complete and abrupt surrender of all that's been built up."

The paper said, "Certainly the protection and advancement of British interests in this country has been belied by what constitutes a total reversal of form on the part of the government."

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (2.00 p.m. HKST) a tropical depression centred about 300 miles SE of Manila was moving W at 10 to 15 knots. A depression forming near the Ryukyu is expected to move ENE and deepen. Pressure remains high near China with a weak ridge extending to W Honshu.

Today's Forecast: Moderate, variable or E winds. Fine, hazy.

Yesterday's Weather: Partly cloudy.

Maximum: 75.0 deg. Fah. Minimum: 62.0 deg. Fah. Sunshine: 9.8 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1—251.8 mm.—2.48 in. as against an average of 216.1 mm.—8.51 in.

Readings at 10 a.m. 4 p.m.

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The King's Health Improves

London, December 13.

King George VI, who is suffering from an obstruction to the circulation in the legs, has made substantial progress, a bulletin signed by his doctors announced today.

Further improvement in the circulation in both legs and both feet may be anticipated, it was added.

The bulletin was signed by six doctors, the two who signed the previous bulletins and Professor James Paterson Ross, Professor of Surgery at the London University and Surgeon at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The doctors have advised the King to remain in London for the time being but hope that early in the new year he may be able to continue his convalescence in the country. He will not undertake any public engagements before the summer. This means that the King will spend Christmas Day at Buckingham Palace and will make his Christmas broadcast from there.

The bulletin of December 9, the King has made substantial progress. Repetition of the tests to measure the degree of arterial obstruction has given the following information.

Loft Leg Better

"In the left leg and foot the process of restoration of circulation has reached a stage which would be sufficient to permit some activity. In the right leg and foot, the re-establishment of circulation, while progressive, has been less rapid and it is still of a degree which allows only strictly limited activity indoors."

"The nutrition of the right foot is satisfactory. With the passage of time and continuing care, further improvement in the situation of both legs and both feet may be anticipated."

"We have advised His Majesty to remain in London for the time being but hope that early in the New Year it will be possible for him to continue his convalescence in the country."

"We have thought it imperative to recommend His Majesty not to undertake any public engagements before the summer."

"The improvements in the King's health which we are happy to record are in no small measure the result of His Majesty's willing submission to certain X-ray restrictions and of his complete co-operation in all measures of treatment." —Reuter.

SO THEY DO COME FROM THERE!

Istanbul, December 13.

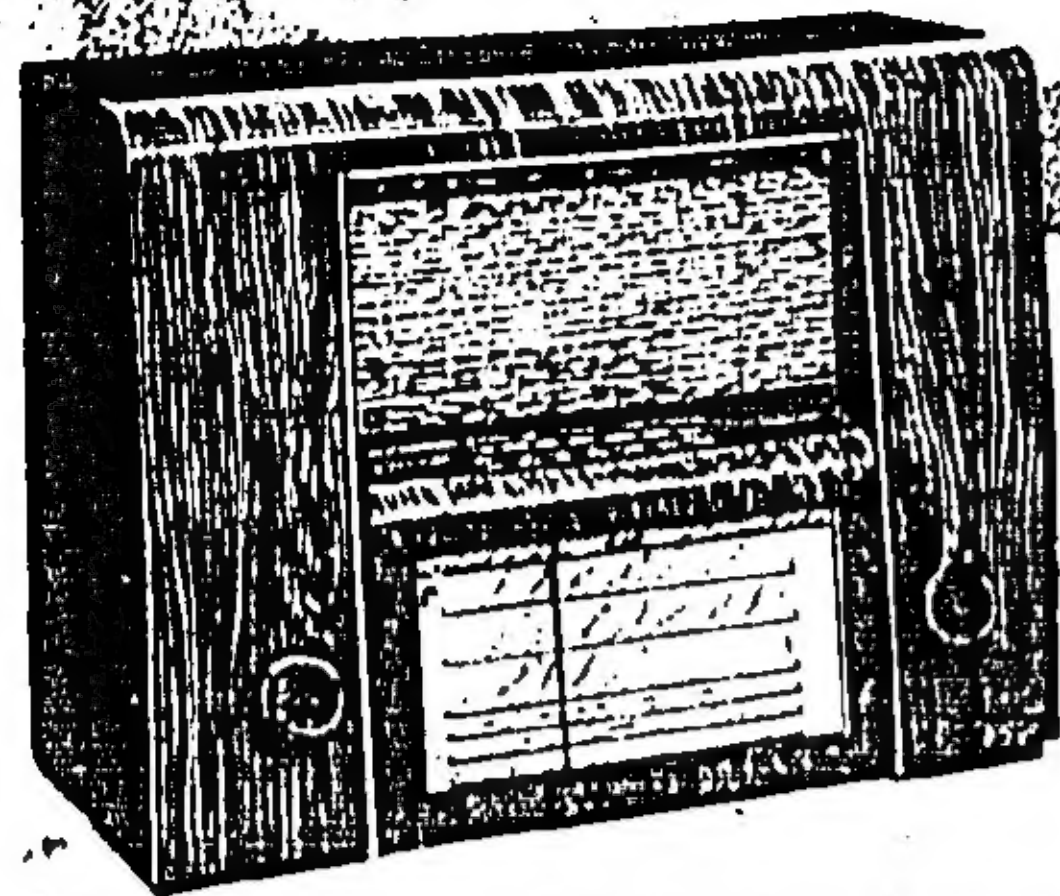
A lorry carrying 1,800 Christmas turkeys for Britain fell down a precipice near Istanbul last night. The birds were being rushed from Ankara to Istanbul for loading into a specially chartered Halifax freight plane.

The Ministry of Food contracted for 20 tons of turkeys from Turkey provided they were delivered before December 21. —Reuter.

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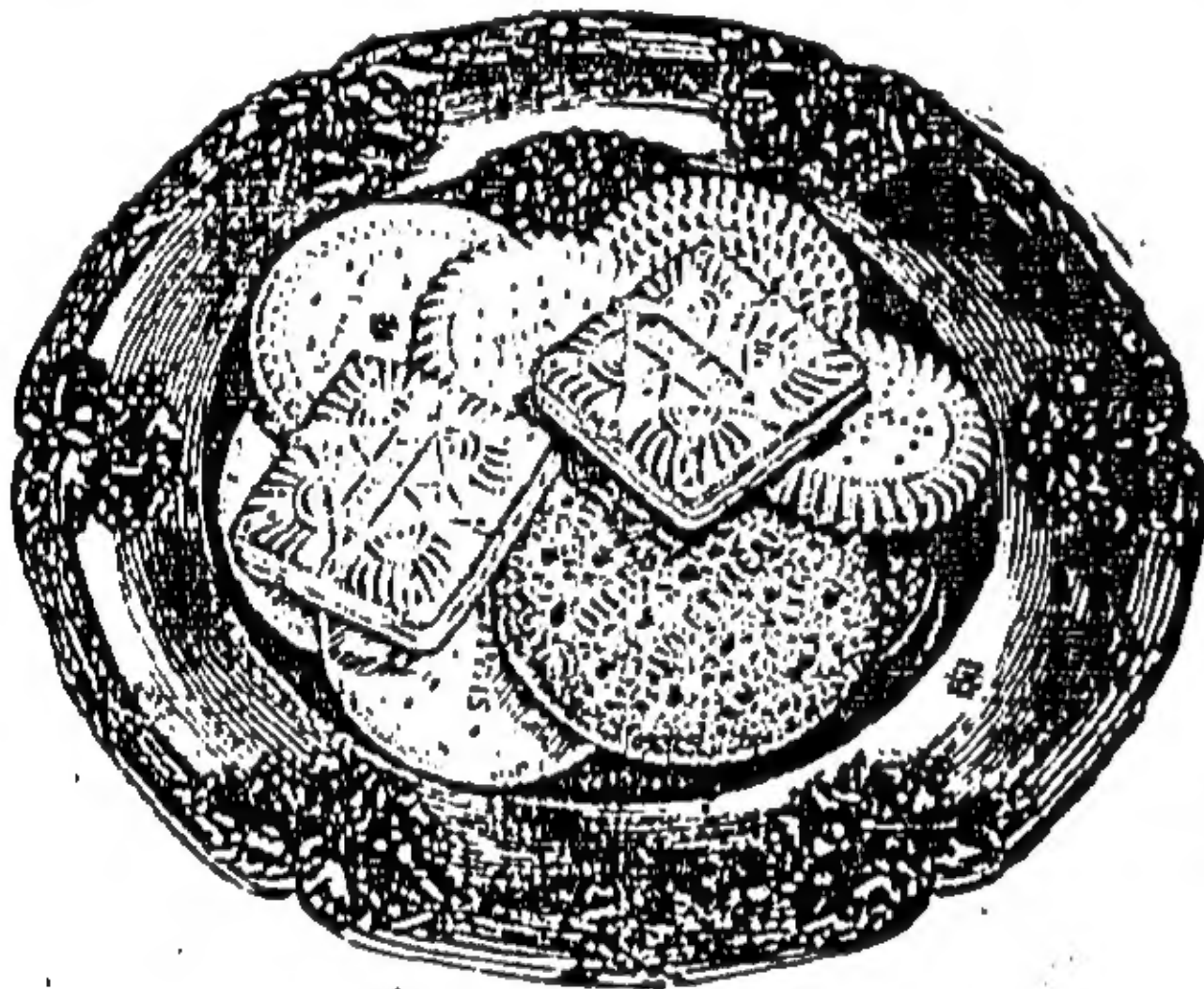
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Governor To Attend Concert

The Governor and Lady Grantham will attend the Christmas concert to be arranged by the Hong Kong Light Orchestra at the Hong Kong Hotel on Sunday, December 19, at 9 p.m.

Conducted by Mr. William Apps, the Orchestra will present a programme of light music suitable to the Christmas season. The orchestra will be led by Mr. Victor Orloff.

The orchestra will be supported by a number of well known soloists among whom is Miss Ting Yun-ling (soprano) who will be singing "Cantique de Noël" by Adams and "La Hère de la Grotte" by Lark. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Pokrovsky at the piano.

Mr. Victor Orloff (violinist) will be playing Mendelssohn's "Spring Song" accompanied by George Parks (piano). The choral choir, by kind permission of Miss C.S. Atkins of St. Stephen's Girls' College, and Father Conroy of Wah Yan will also be featured in the programme. Both the orchestra and the choral choir will be under the direction of Mr. H. V. Ardy, deputy conductor of the Orchestra.

The orchestral and choral concert to be presented on the Sunday before Christmas is made possible by the kindness of the management of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd. who are lending every assistance to the Hong Kong Light Orchestra to ensure the success of the musical evening.

Part of the programme: Overture "Pique Dame" F. Suppe "Cavatina" O.P. No. 3. Ruff: A choral choir accompanied by the Orchestra.

Spanish March "Amor Rojo" Jaime Terriori, Sections: "Bliss, Sweet" and "Cavatina" No. 1 Coward, "Stories of the Vienna Forest" Johann Strauss, "Savoy Christmas Medley" arranged by Debroy Summers and Selection "Chu Chin Chow" Frederic Norron.

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But Hong Kong has to shake off its conventional lethargy and utilise modern machinery to increase its output to cope with the prospective influx of trade.

As an example of the failure of the Colony's textile production, the visitor pointed out that in India the number of spindles used in each mill ranges from 30,000 to 200,000. The Colony on the whole has only as many as 100 high modern mill in India, he stated.

Several million dollars worth of Chinese products and foreign goods are being purchased locally by a prominent Indian business magnate who is here on a brief business visit from Calcutta. With one established local firm alone, Mr. R. Jhunjhunwala, proprietor of several modern mills in India, has concluded a deal involving nearly HK\$3,000,000, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

Accompanied by his executive secretary, Mr. K. N. Chaudhury, he will fly home on Friday. He will return early next year on another business trip when he may go North, including Japan.

"Hong Kong with its abundant skilled labour has a tremendous future in textiles if local businessmen concentrate on mass production with the most modern machinery," Mr. Jhunjhunwala said yesterday.

Indian alone can absorb the Colony's output by mass production, and trade between the two countries can be firmly developed if factories here are modernised, he asserted.

Mutual commercial interest between India and Hong Kong is increasing, he said, and the Colony will find a ready market there for the local output of manufactured goods is very impressive, however, but the factories use antiquated machinery, which must be improved.

Smart And Diligent

Labour here is smart and diligent. With opportunities the Chinese can rank among the world's most efficient labourers, he added.

India looks towards Hong Kong for trade for several reasons. Production in India is not sufficient for its teeming millions. Being a sterling centre, Hong Kong provides easy monetary exchange. A free port and the main springboard of goods from the Chinese mainland, the Colony is a wealth of business for India which is rapidly expanding its trade Eastward.

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"Hong Kong is an ideal place for business," the visitor remarked. The people here are hospitable and easy to talk to. The environment is conducive to business expansion.

The visitor told the "China Mail" that one thing needs attention. Regulations governing the movements of tourists should be made more elastic.

They related an incident when they were refused landing shore at Macao last week-end.

Mr. Jhunjhunwala said that they decided on the spur of the moment to visit Macao for a few hours. The Portuguese Consulate office here was closed and they could not make any contact with the Consul.

However, they took a Butterfield and Swire vessel for Macao that Saturday afternoon and on arrival they were told that they could not land without visas or endorsements on their British-Indian passports.

"Just imagine the difficulties of tourists who wish to visit Macao just for a few hours," Mr. Jhunjhunwala declared. The authorities concerned should declare Macao a "free port" to tourists during the week-ends when everybody can go there and return after four or five hours' sight-seeing without having to obtain visas or special permission.

Three Dutch Vessels Arrive

Three Dutch vessels arrived here yesterday bringing about 8,500 tons of cargo, 145 mail bags and 1,282 Chinese immigrants from the Straits, Manila and Japan.

The ss. Tjiljalengka carried 1,282 passengers, including 176 children and 119 infants. She had 105 mail bags from Singapore, and 850 tons of cargo.

The passengers were mostly Chinese from the Straits and East Indies who are returning to their native villages in Amoy to retire or carry on their forefathers' work.

The ss. Tjikampok, arriving from Shanghai and Japan, brought more than 5,000 tons of cargo and 38 mail bags. She had no passengers. Of her cargo, 2,350 tons were discharged here.

Arriving with only one European passenger and 2,000 tons of cargo from Manila, the ss. Molienker reported encountering rough seas en route. She had only one mail bag.

HMS Belfast, replacing HMS Sussex on the Far East Station, arrived here yesterday from England.

The cruiser saluted the flag of Rear Admiral A. C. G. Madden, Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station, with 13 guns.

HMS Dampier arrived shortly afterwards from Singapore. She saluted HMS London with 13 guns.

Today His Majesty's ships will be dressed in honour of the King's Birthday and HMS London and HMS Dampier will fire the 21-gun salute at midday.

The visiting American aircraft carrier Tarawa and destroyers Buckley and Hawkins will leave Hong Kong today for Singapore.

HMS Albatross is also due to leave the Colony today.

Tomorrow HMS Concord is due to arrive here from Singapore.

Exhibit To Open Earlier

Hong Kong's Exhibition of Chinese Products will be opened by the Governor at 4 p.m. on Thursday, not Saturday as reported yesterday.

Special invited guests will be served with cocktails between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. The exhibition will be held on the site at the corner of Nathan Road and Chatham Road opposite the Peninsula Hotel.

In addition to goods manufactured by local factories, samples of handicraft work produced by inmates of charitable institutions such as the Po Leung Kuk will also be displayed.

From Friday, the exhibition will be open daily until January 2 between 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Shipping Briefs

More than 900 Chinese evacuees, including 250 children, arrived here by the ms. Hai Lee from Swatow and Amoy yesterday.

The cargo of the vessel included mostly personal effects of the passengers. Some of the arrivals, it was learned, will be leaving for Canton.

The three-masted steam tanker Georgia arrived here yesterday with 9,600 tons of fuel and diesel oils from Miri, Sarawak.

The vessel reported rough seas en route. She has an all-European crew of 38. She flies the Norwegian flag.

Teakwood and pigs were included in the 1,400-ton cargo brought here yesterday by the Norwegian steamer Pronto from Bangkok via Hothrow. She had two mail bags and 50 Chinese passengers aboard.

The ss. Hai Yang brought 120 Chinese refugees from Swatow yesterday.

The Portuguese Consulate in Hong Kong has not received any advice from Shanghai regarding the evacuation of Portuguese nationals. The "China Mail" was told yesterday.

No arrangements have been made yet either to accommodate the arrivals or to transport them to Macao.

Reuter reported that a ship, capable of accommodating 300 steerage passengers, was available for the Portuguese evacuees at Shanghai and that the vessel will leave for Hong Kong in the third or fourth week of this month. Transshipment to Macao would be arranged the report further said, but no mention of authorities concerned was made.

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Trawler Released By Chinese Customs, Returns To Colony

After nearly 10 weeks of detention by the Chinese Customs at Laf Sammi (Chinese waters) near Macao, the mechanised deep sea fishing trawler Chung Yu I returned here yesterday. The Chinese Maritime Customs, Hong Kong, told the "China Mail" that the vessel was detained because the master did not have the proper clearances from Shanghai, her original port. The Chung Yu I was released after prolonged negotiations, leading to the master being fined \$1,000, it was learned.

The Formosan-built trawler, whose sister ship, the Chung Yu II is believed to have been sunk by the October typhoon which hit Hailan Island, went out to search for the Chung Yu II on a report that a craft was observed South of St. John Island on October 7. En route to Hong Kong after a fruitless search, the Chung Yu I was seized by a Chinese Customs cruiser and detained until recently.

It was reliably learned yesterday that the principals of the ship are making arrangements to dispatch another sister vessel to operate with the Chung Yu I in waters South of Hong Kong, from where prior to the incident, the Chung Yus were bringing substantial catches of rare deep sea fish.

The Chung Yus arrived here on June 30 to fish in deep waters about 120 miles South of the Colony. In seven trips the two vessels, operating jointly, brought back about 100,000 catties of deep sea fish, mostly snappers, garoupas, and red fish.

On several occasions during their ventures the vessels were forced back to Hong Kong by typhoon seas, surviving without material damage.

They made a record catch early last August with 22,500 catties of a wide variety after three days' fishing.

Both vessels left for their eighth trip on September 19 to trawl in waters between 80 to 90 fathoms deep 120 miles South. A week later the company received a radio message saying that they were returning with 15,000 catties of fish. No mention was made about any incident.

On the following day the Chung Yu I arrived at Kennedy Town with the news of the disappearance of her sister ship, which was forced away from her by rough waves en route.

The missing vessels had 7,500 catties of fish aboard. She had a crew of 10 trained Northerners headed by Mr. S.K. Wang.

The crew of the trawlers are veteran Shanghai fishermen who had learned their job from as young as 15 years.

Each vessel is estimated to cost about HK\$100,000. The Chung Yu I is equipped with wireless receiving and transmitting apparatus, and radio telephone. She acted as the mother ship during fishing operations.

The Overture to "Die Fledermaus" - Strauss.

Finlandia by Sibelius.

Selections of British Sea Songs arranged by Sir Henry Wood.

The programme will be given by the Hong Kong Singers at St. Stephen's Girls' College, Lyttelton Road, at 9.15 p.m. on December 22.

At their previous concert, the Singers raised £250 which has been forwarded to St. Dunstan's Fund.

The music for the concert on December 22, specially chosen for Christmas, includes Part 1 of the "Messiah", with the "Hallelujah Chorus", and a number of Christmas Carols, including "Hallelujah", "When is that Goodly Fragrance" and "Christ was born on Christmas Day", to a setting by Terry.

The soloists will be Jameson Huang, tenor; Margaret Stewart, contralto; W. Houston Bailey, bass; and Doreen Walker, soprano.

The Singers have secured the services of pianists Elizabeth Brown and Caroline Eliza to accompany on two pianos. Donald Fraser will conduct the Singers, about 65 in number.

Booking is open at Moultres.

Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans prosecuted.

Without any visible means of livelihood and unable to keep warm without a blanket, a 35-year-old man, Ng Shiu-wa, took two newspaper packages from the top of a Government mail box to use as substitute covering for the winter night.

That was the story he told Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, at Kowloon yesterday as he faced the charge of larceny of postal packages.

Arrested at 5.20 a.m. on Sunday at the staircase landing of 24 Tam Kung Road, Kowloon City, he admitted having taken the packages from the top of the mail box in front of 418 Prince Edward Road.

The prison term of one month's hard labour and deportation was passed.

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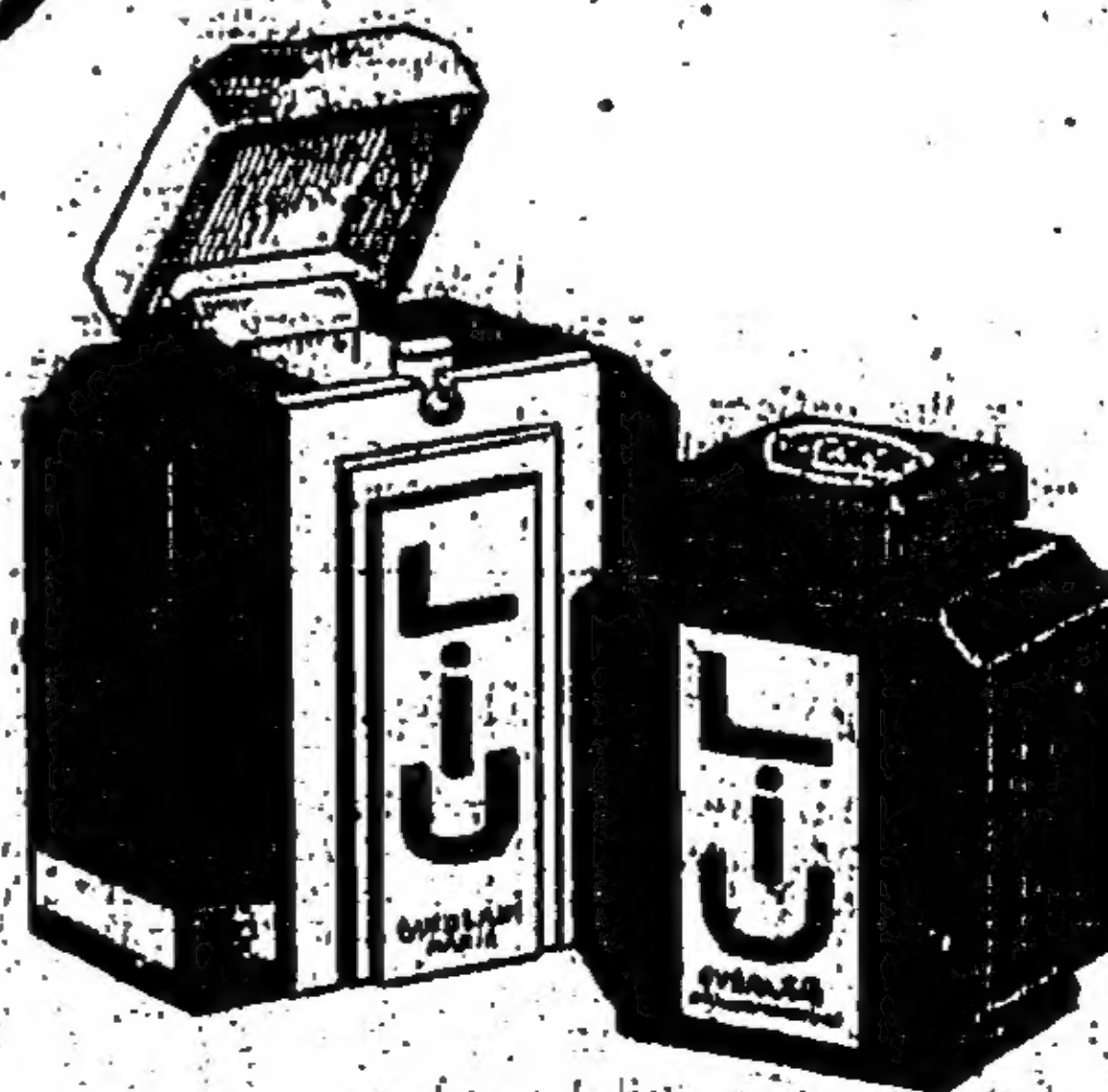
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Reminders

Today

H.K. Social Welfare Council, annual general meeting, PRO Lecture Room, 5.15 p.m.
Eastern Asia Navigation Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, King's Bldg., 11 a.m.
Kowloon Junior School, prize giving, at King George V School, 5.30 p.m.
H.K. Football Association Council meeting, Prince's Bldg., 5.15 p.m.
H.K. Rotary Club luncheon, talk on "The Police Service" by Police Commissioner, D. W. Macintosh, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
H.K. Club, extraordinary meeting, at Club House, 5.30 p.m.
Bridge Drive, Europe YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Toe II Club meeting at Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
Exhibition of Paintings by Yee Bon, Lee Bying and Luen Chan, Hotel Cecil, 10 a.m.
THURSDAY
Chinese Products Exhibition, opening by the Governor, opposite Peninsula Hotel, 4 p.m.
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Y'a Men's Club of Hong Kong, Hotel, 12.45 p.m.
St. Thomas More Association Choral & Orchestral Concert in aid of Home for Aged, China Fleet Club.
St. Thomas More Association, lecture on "The Apostleship of the Sea" by the Rev. Fr. M.C. Pelly, at Catholic Club, King's Bldg., 5.30 p.m.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

Food and fuel costs, released by the Labour Office for the week ended December 11 follow:—
Rice and Flour 12 cabbages HK\$4.8500
Vegetables 12 " 1.5000
Oil 12 " 1.5000
Salt 12 " 1.5000
Tea 12 " 1.5000
Salt Fish 12 " 1.5000
Pork 12 " 1.5000
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Beans 12 " 1.5000
Total HK\$12.0000

A strong criticism of the "disgraceful way in which Ordinances are passed" was made by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday during the hearing of the charge of maintaining and using a radio-communication station proffered against Fung Ming.

Mr. Russ submitted that, according to the wording of the Ordinance, the licence possessed by his client for the possession of a radio set covers the possession of the wireless receiving set found by Wireless Inspector D. B. L. Grew on the premises.

On Mr. Grew stating that a different licence is needed for the possession and operation of such a set, Mr. Russ said that it was disgraceful the way the Ordinances were passed. The words stated one thing, while the experts concerned gave a different interpretation. After hearing Mr. Grew's evidence, the court held that the case was different from the usual run of cases where the defendant has been found in front of a telephone or wireless set and taking down or transmitting a message. Defendant, said the bench, was only found in front of a telephone with the wireless set hidden away. It was admitted by the prosecution that the set was not being used at the time of the raid. Accused was discharged, and warned that if he was found in possession of the set again he would be convicted.

According to Mr. Grew, the premises at 295 Leichikok Road first floor, was raided at 3 p.m. on December 3. When the door was opened, three women were found inside the doorway. Defendant was seen sitting in front of a telephone, near which was a batch of messages and a Chinese code book.

Receiving Messages
Accused at first claimed to be a broker, but later admitted that he was in fact receiving messages over the telephone for forwarding by telephone to an unknown radio-communication station. Defendant stated that he did not know the telephone number of that station, and that they would telephone to him every little while and he would pass on any message he might have received. This claim, said Mr. Grew, was substantiated by the two messages which the police took down while they were on the premises. There

were another six telephone calls during that time, but the callers hung up when they heard a different voice.

The accused further produced some monthly accounts and a note book containing entries of the commission he received for doing the work. When the receiving set was found, defendant claimed that it belonged to a man who had gone to Canton.

In reply to the bench, Mr. Grew said that he had no reason to doubt defendant's statement that he was merely acting as a go-between.

Mr. Russ submitted that to "maintain, work, establish and use" did not include a go-between.

Personalia

Week-end departures from the Peninsula Hotel included Mr. and Mrs. Tugendhaft, Mrs. F. G. Bond, Mrs. J. Unwin, Mrs. Louise Glass, Mrs. O. E. Heskin, Mrs. D. Ackland, Mrs. Drummond, Mrs. Lindley, Mrs. Rolfs, Mrs. Wakelin, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. H. E. Pringle, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Albert, Mrs. J. A. G. Sherriff, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hall, Mrs. H. A. Wei, Messrs. F. F. Cockayne, D. W. Hunter, W. Thumann, R. West, H. J. Griesman, A. A. Dearing, M. J. Griesman, A. E. Kyte, J. Olive, D. Dalama, K. A. Munro, and M. Monard.

Among the week-end arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel were Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Blochlin, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. von Hemmelman, Messrs. A. E. Hughes, D. M. McKenzie, John J. Slattery, W. Thumann, D. F. Johnson, C. W. Hunter, C. Parsons, Karl Gustafson, Sydney Smith, F. V. Feeley, W. H. Kiang, E. R. C. Lewis, and F. Salaysay.

Mr. B. Bruce will address the Kowloon Rotary Club on Thursday at the Peninsula Hotel. His subject will be "The Aims of the British Council."

Mr. F. Watkinson, of Reiss Bradley and Company arrived in Hong Kong on Sunday from Swatow by the ss. Han Yang. Arriving by the same vessel were Mr. N. Waller, Mr. and Mrs. J. Robinson, Mr. E. C. Goerick and the Reverend Mr. John J. Driscoll.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swire Scott, of Butterfield and Swire, arrived here yesterday from Canton by the ss. Fatshan. Among the other passengers on the same vessel were Mr. and Mrs. Eric C. Price, Mrs. Conny G. Bayneberg, Messrs. Arthur S. Hill, George Talbot, L. M. L. Souder, Marcel R. Obre, Dr. John R. Rose and John E. Morrison.

Mr. B. A. Elkins and Mr. L. A. Kennedy left Hong Kong for Kobe yesterday by the ss. Yunnan.

Mr. and Mrs. Becker, M. Doutrix, M. Dietrich, M. Vals, M. Dumas, M. Rozario, and R. J. Doust arrived in the Colony yesterday by Air France from Saigon.



The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, is seen attending the celebrations to mark the centenary of the establishment of the French Convent in Hong Kong. With him is the French Consul General—'China Mail' Photo.

Reception Held At Convent

Rounding off their centenary celebration, the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres held a reception at the French Convent at 5.30 p.m. yesterday afternoon.

It was the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Convent in Hong Kong, and the consummation of 100 years of humanitarian work in the Colony.

Among the large number of guests present were the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, who stayed to see the first item of entertainment on the programme, an opera—Doll's Wedding—presented by the tiny mites of the Convent School.

The play was acted with great zest by the youngsters, to the immense delight of the audience. Following the opera was a drama in four acts entitled "Patricia, or An Unknown Martyr", in which the roles were taken by the senior girls, whose fine performance drew frequent applause.

Father Sheridan, on behalf of the Sisters, thanked the Governor for his presence and for the support and encouragement which the Government of Hong Kong had always given to the Convent.

DECREE NISI GRANTED

A Decree Nisi, to be made absolute within three months, was granted by Mr. Justice Reynolds (Acting Puisne Judge) yesterday in favour of Mrs. Rose Irene Remedios of 23 Wing Hing Street, second floor, who petitioned for a dissolution of her marriage to Mr. Mario dos Remedios of 23 Homantin Street, ground floor, on grounds of adultery. An order for costs was also made against the respondent, who did not contest the suit.

Mrs. Remedios was represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. S. N. Quinn of Messrs. Brutton and Company.

CORRESPONDENCE

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No Small Change

Sir,—May I be permitted to use a little space of your precious column to bring to the attention of the Postmaster General the following complaint.

Some time last week I dropped into the Central Post Office, Kowloon, and asked the counter-clerk for an Air Letter form, for which I tendered a dollar bill. I was asked if I had some small change, which I replied to the negative. This morning the same thing happened to me when I strode up to the same clerk. Twice I had to change my requirements at the General Post Office. What kind of clerks do we have here? Had he been busy both times I would understand, but he was just sitting behind the counter doing almost nothing. Either the Central Post Office is running short of small change or ten cent notes are too precious to be handed out. I experienced this in convenience twice, when I did not have 40 cents on hand. I have heard many people complain of this inconvenience caused them.

I hope, in future, the counter-clerks at the Central Post Office be well supplied with the required amount of ten cent notes. AIR LETTER.

Equity And Justice

Sir,—A Mr. J. Tong's out-spoken correspondence re "Wanchai Accident" has aroused my interest in writing on another topic concerning the notorious disrespect of the Yuenai Vehicular Ferry Co. for the dead persons who are transported in coffins on board their steamers across the harbour.

It seems rather illogical in that the fare chargeable for a lorry carrying a coffin is \$30 per trip (15 minutes); that for a single vacant lorry is \$5; that for a coffin alone is \$20, however small its size may be whilst that for a private motor car with its driver is only \$2.20, or so. Apparently, the Ferry Co. on monopoly cannot be relieved from censure, unless very sound reasons are given to the contrary, that they are taking advantage of the exigencies of the dead person's survivors, or relatives managing the funeral, by demanding such a discriminatory charge against them. In the case of a poor family, this heavy surcharge is hard enough for them to meet after having to raise funds for buying the coffin and paying the sundry expenses. The

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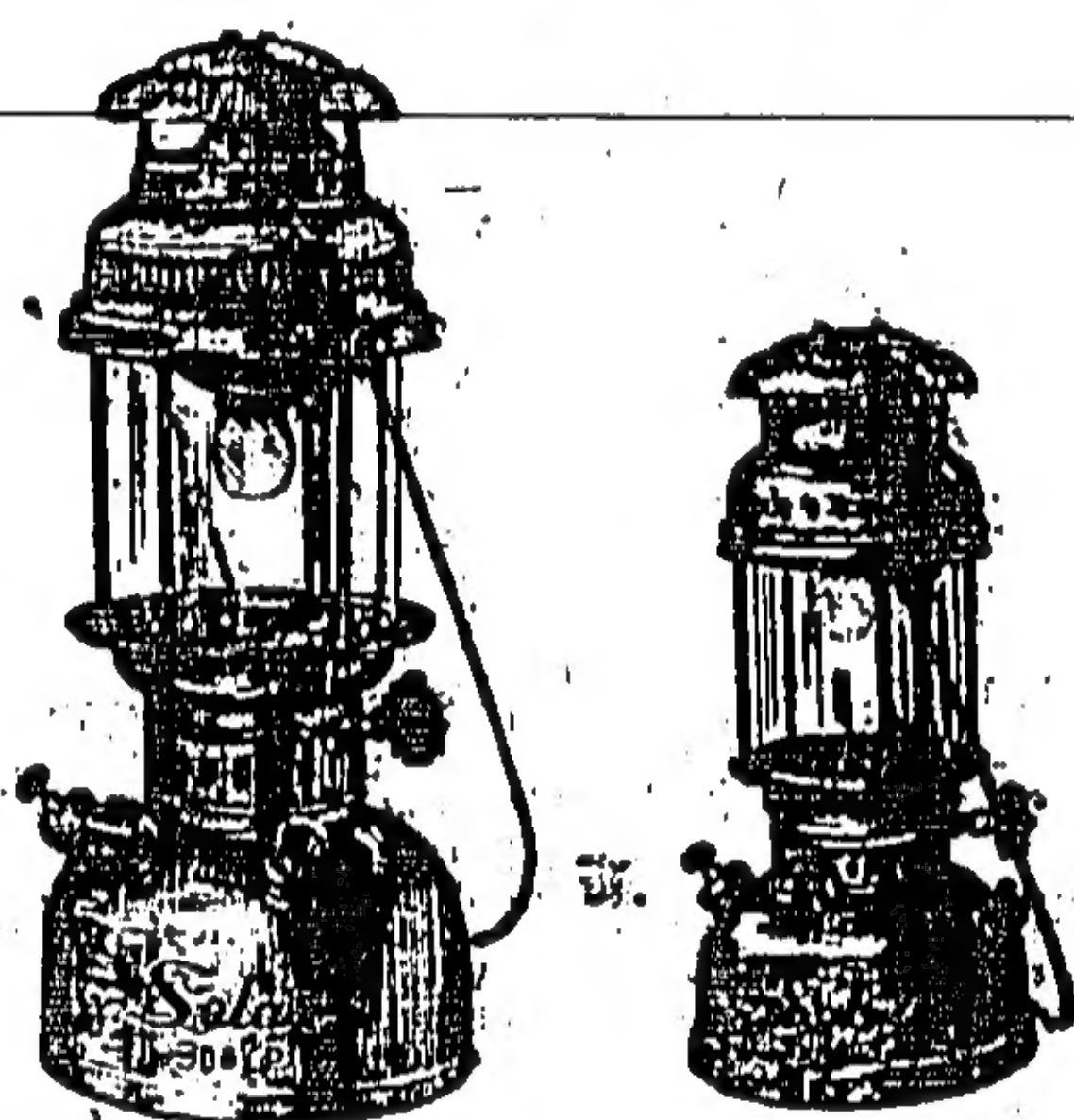
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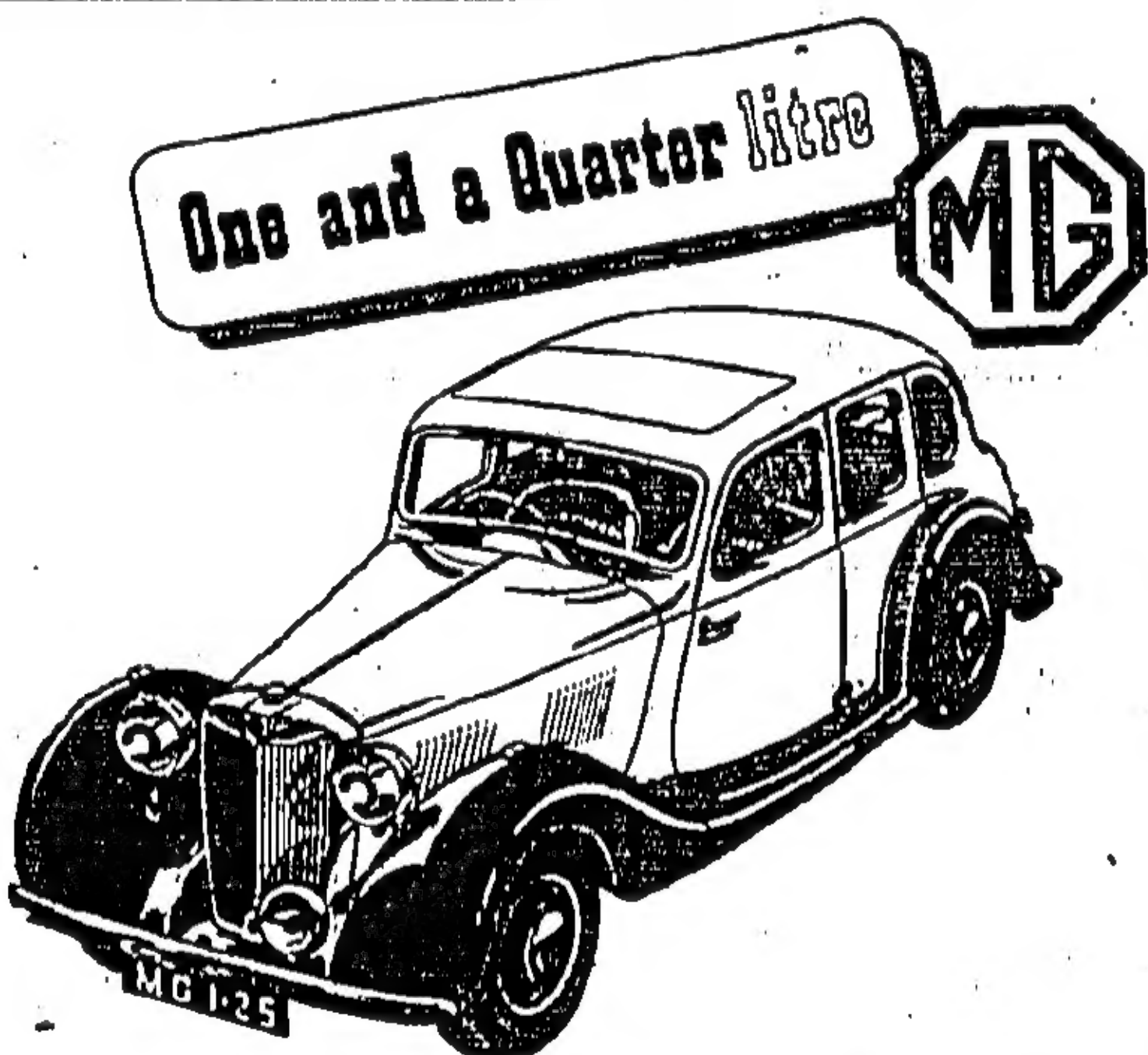
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to alter the existing Rule 8 (a)
to read:—

"To receive from the Com-
mittee a Report Balance Sheet
and Statement of Accounts for
the preceding Year ending the
September 30."

This will then be followed
immediately by THE ANNUAL
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under review from the out-
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December, 1948, at 12:15 P.M.
for the following purposes.

1. To receive and consider
the Directors' Report and
Statement of Accounts for
the period ended 31st
December, 1947.
2. To elect a Director and
fix Directors' Fees.
3. To elect Auditors.
4. To transact any other
ordinary business of the
Company.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed
from the 23rd December, 1948
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By Order of the Board of
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Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1948.

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2. To elect a Director.
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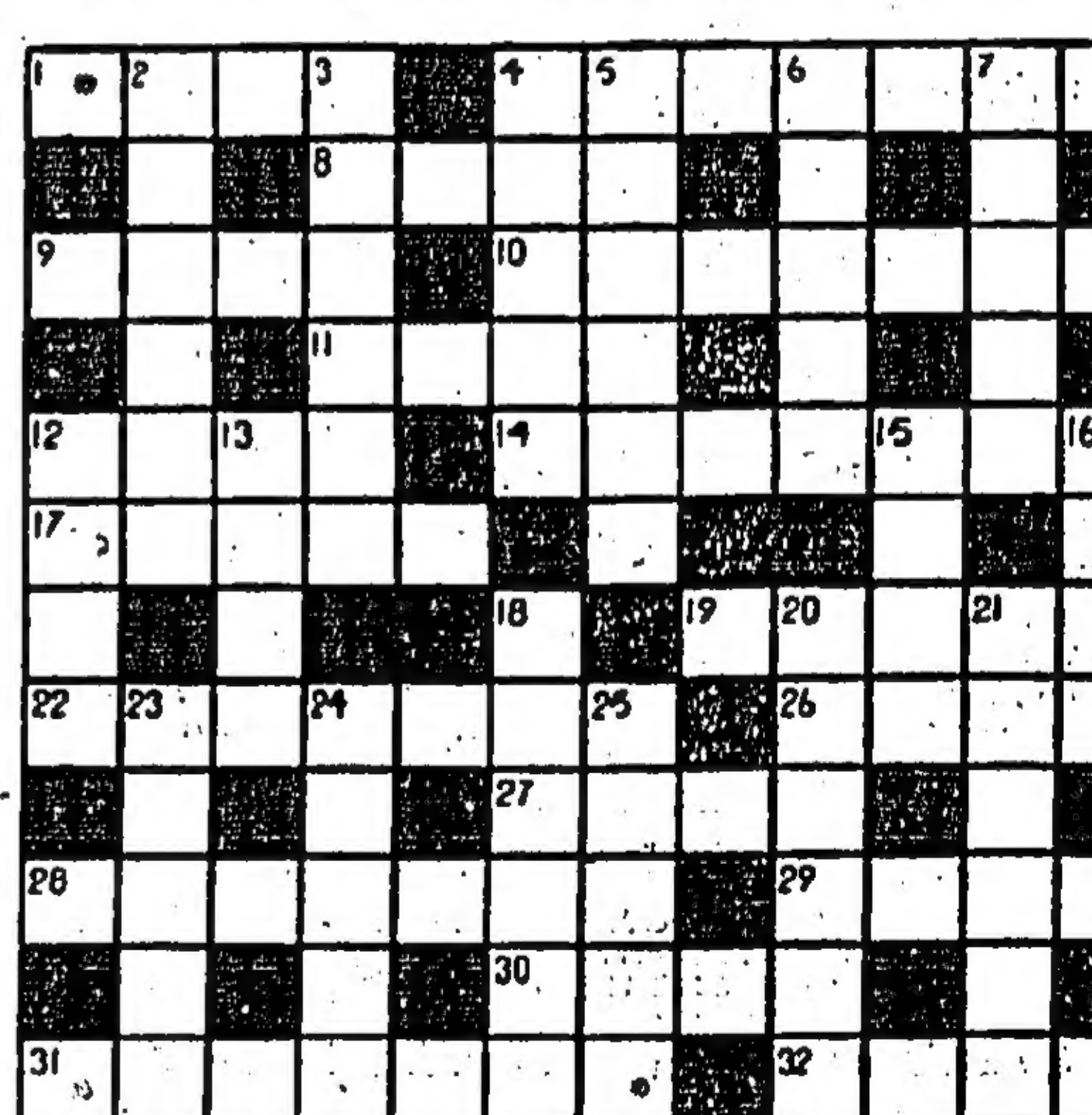
RISKS AT MOST STAGES
THROUGHOUT the bidding
and play of any close hand, we
are taking risks of one kind or
another in order to gain some-
thing. It is a good deal like the
American system of competitive
business, which really shows in
the "profit and loss" sys-
tem, since he who risks his all
to launch a new project takes a
chance of dropping it as well as
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nesses could ever be developed,
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Winter visitor from New York,
won a top on this duplicate deal
in one of the tournaments at St.
Petersburg, Fla. Sneaking
through an early diamond trick
enabled Mr. Murray to do it.
West opened the club A and
shifted to the spade 3, which the
K won to drop the Q. When the
diamond 2 was led promptly
from dummy, East was certain to
be taking a risk, no matter what
he did. If he came in with the
A, he would set up the Q, per-
haps for an important discard of
one of South's losers. He knew
he was taking still another risk,
when he played low, as he did.
The K took that trick, and the
diamond A was eventually shut
out altogether. Mr. Murray fol-
lowed with the heart A and K,
the heart 6 ruffed by the spade
4 to set up the heart remainder,
then the spade A and J, leaving
the good 10 out. Next he led to
the club Q and brought forth the
heart 10 from dummy. As he
discarded the diamond 8 on it to
render East's A worthless, West
could get only one trick with his
spade 10. The last three tricks
went to the spade 6 and 5 and
club K, producing an extra
trick.

SK 9
HK 10 9 6 3
DQ 4 3 2
CQ 10
S 10 8 7 3
H 7 5 4
D 10 7
C A 4 3 2
W E
S
N E
S Q J 8
D A J 9 8
C J 9 8 6
S A J 8 5 4 2
H A 2
D K 6
C K 7 5
(Dealer West. Neither side
vulnerable).

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Pass 2 H Pass 2 S
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 S
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K.R.A. GETS ACTION

During the past month Kowloonites have every reason to be proud of the achievements of some of the mainland's residents and institutions.

First and foremost is the excellent work being done by the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, under Mr. F. C. Clemo, in getting Government to loosen up its purse strings sufficiently to get some essential work started.

By dint of hard work and unceasing pounding, the KRA succeeded in having some of the children's playgrounds rehabilitated. Street lighting has improved considerably, thereby making the roads safer in the nights both for motorists and pedestrians. A few of the side streets have actually been re-surfaced. These streets, such as Cheong Lok Street, Nanking Street, Tuk Shing Terrace, and Austin Road, have, for the past three years, been regular traps for the unwary driver and pedestrian.

Talking of Government, the promotion of Mr. J. Wicks from Second Magistrate to Additional Judge, on November 29, is considered by the majority of Kowloon residents as not only a signal honour for Mr. Justice Wicks but also for the Kowloon community.

Mr. Wicks is the fifth Government official posted to Kowloon to be promoted during the past two years. In the middle of 1947, Detective - Inspector W. W. Williamson was appointed Chief Detective Inspector. When he went on leave, Detective Inspector J. M. Forrest, then attached to Yau-mai, was nominated as his deputy.

On Mr. A. H. Elston's departure on home leave, L. R. Whant, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Kowloon) was promoted to the substantive rank of Director of Criminal Intelligence. His place was taken by another Kowloon man, Mr. Charles Mottram.

On July 8 last, Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Second Police Magistrate, was transferred to the Law Office as Assistant Crown Solicitor. He has now returned to the Kowloon Courts to deputise for Mr. Justice Wicks.

SUCCESS FOR STUDENTS

Winning entries in the Radio Hong Kong section of the British Broadcasting Corporation's competition for its Welsh Children's Hour in the Christmas Day programme were submitted by two Kowloon students.

When it is remembered that entries totalled several hundreds, the achievement of Diana Cheung,

Christmas Shopping Facilities

Christmas shopping can be such fun, even to those with a limited budget and scarcely any time at their disposal, if one knows just where to get that "something special" which will not only be appreciated but will also give real joy to the recipient.

Take, for instance, gifts for babies and toddlers. All one need to do is to pay a visit to Wendy's at 10 Granville Road, ground floor, and tell those charming ladies, Miss E. Moses and Mrs. E. S. Moses, what one wants and how much one can afford to pay.

The visitor is not confronted with rows and rows of show-cases and display counters, but by the sunny smile and full attention of the two sisters-in-law. The prospective buyer is offered the choice of a wide range of baby's and children's wear with hand-embroidered, dungarees, dressing gowns, and sleeping suits with feet.

These sleeping-suits are one of the specialties of Wendy's. They are made of British-manufactured flannelette, with pretty picture designs, and guaranteed to wear and tear. They solve the mother's problem of how to keep the child's feet warm, as well as how to keep the legs of the trousers down. And they sell for only \$10.50 a suit. Sizes range from one-year-olds to six-year-olds.

All articles are of exclusive design and guaranteed as to quality of material and workmanship. Furthermore, all dresses and gowns have deep hems and seams. Another special offering by Wendy's are blankets in pastel shades of pink and blue for cribs and prams, plain or embroidered. Beautifully dressed cribs, with detachable rattan bassinets, could also be ordered from these Baby's Wear Specialists.

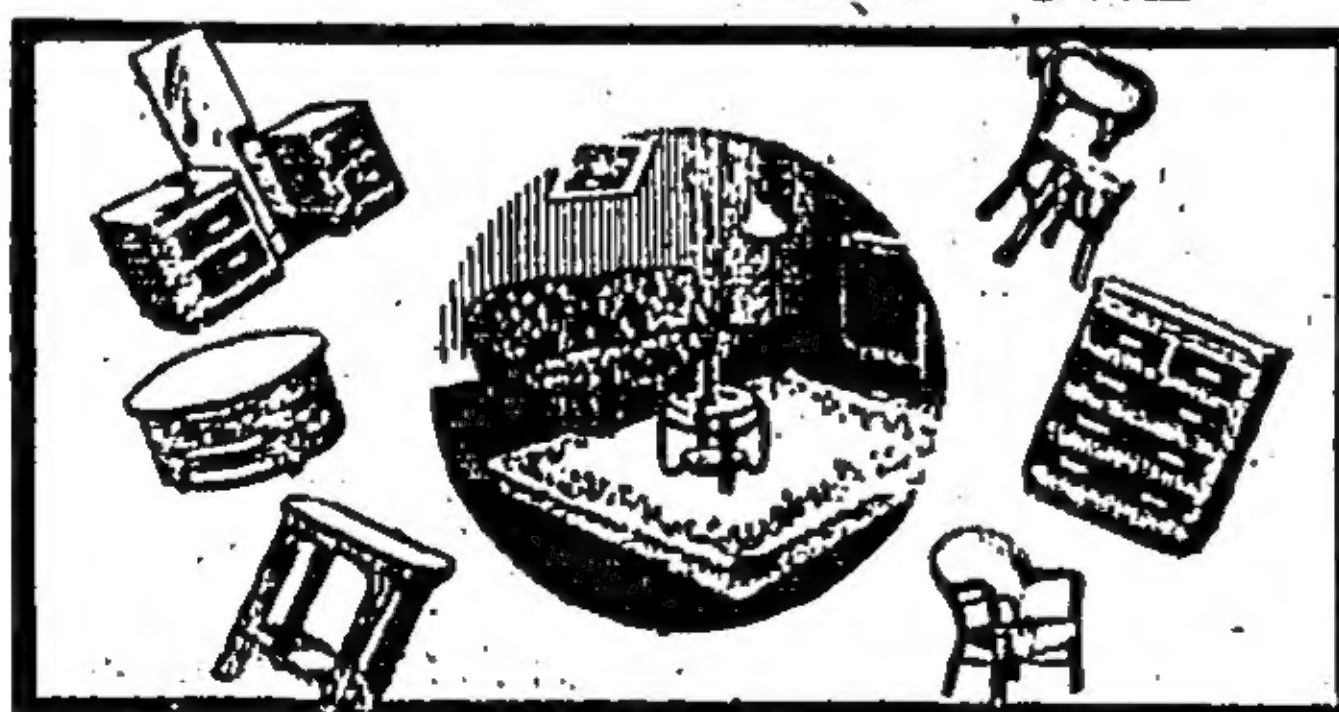
For Children

Another shop which caters exclusively for babies and children is Jack and Jill at 5 Hankow Road. The wonderful range of dress wear in organdie and taffeta, in all styles and sizes, has to be seen to be believed.

This store's beautifully hand-embroidered apron-styled frocks will be greeted with shouts of delight by the little miss to whom it is sent, as will their up-to-date ho-man boys' suits.

A 15-year-old Matriculation-class girl of the Diocesan Girls' School, and Lai Kah-wah, 16-year-old Fifth Standard boy of Ying Wah College, was something which their parents, their schools and Kowloon could be proud of.

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Honest Jobs Barred?

Licenses of bars, cafes and restaurants have been warned by the police not to employ, as waitresses, girls who were known to be prostitutes, as such employment will be considered a breach of their licensing conditions.

The license of one restaurant in Kowloon has been forced to disengage two employees as he was told that their continued presence in the cafe would be construed as a breach of Regulations.

The amendment, he was reminded, stipulated that "common prostitutes... shall not be knowingly suffered to assemble and continue on the premises." As he has already been told that they are prostitutes, his allowing them to stay on constitutes offence.

Seen by a "China Mail" reporter, a well-known legal practitioner expressed the opinion that the police had no right to force the proprietor to dismiss them.

"Unless it could be proved that the girls were using the premises of their employers to carry on their profession, I do not see what right the police had to interfere. Such interference is tantamount to telling the manager of a commercial firm to dismiss his typist because she is in the habit of 'carrying on' after office hours."

In the present instance, the two girls were actually employed by the cafe and on its pay-roll.

"First they stop the girls from joining their men friends. Now they stop them from seeking employment."

service with a smile, and of being able to shop in a leisurely manner.

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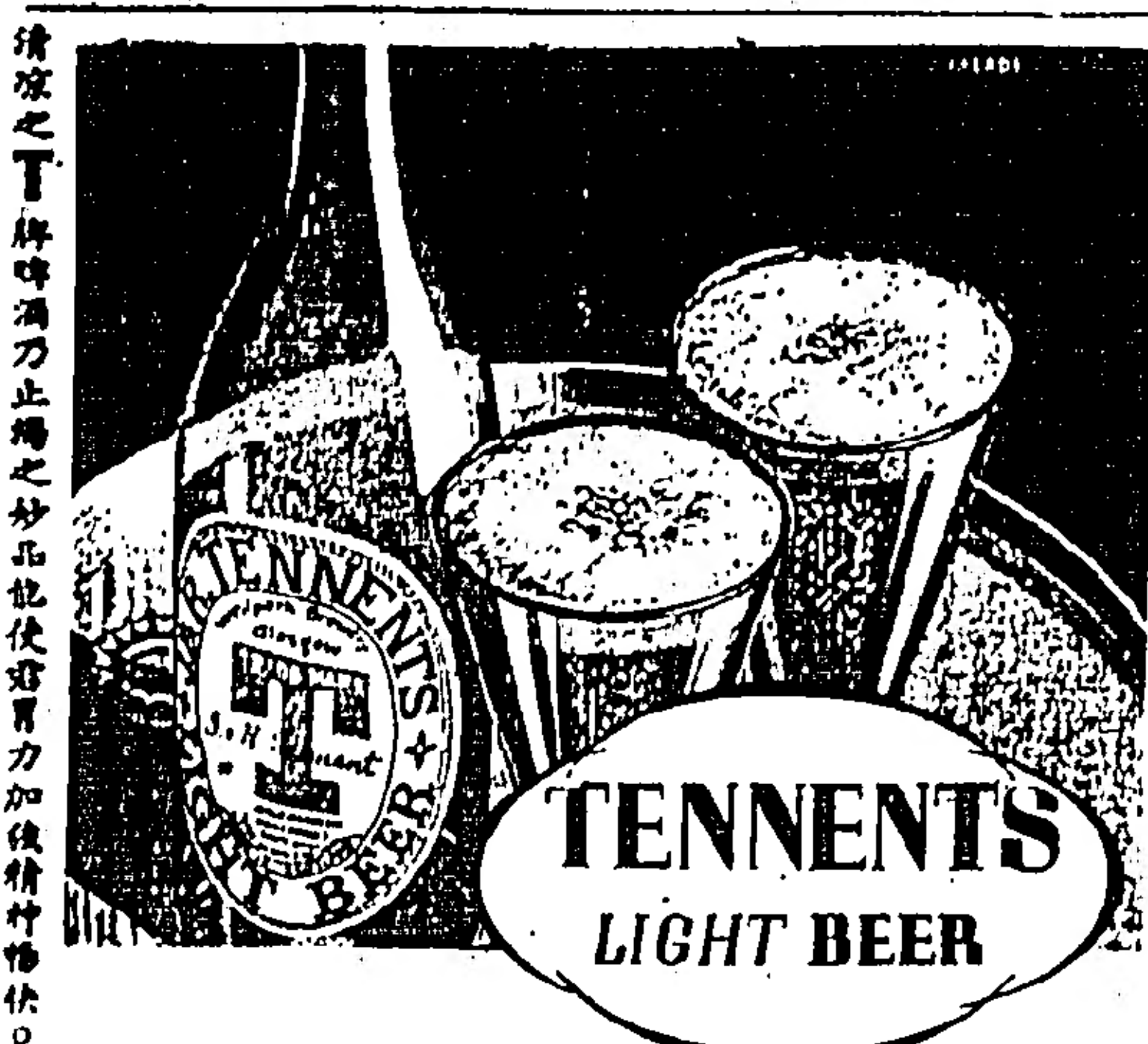
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New Spy Laws Urged For U.S.

Washington, December 12.

A House of Representatives spy-hunter today urged the new Congress to overhaul espionage laws to cope with fifth column activities such as the alleged Communist spy ring disclosed by Whitaker Chambers.

Representative Richard Nixon made the suggestion even as a group of House Democrats announced an all-out drive to wipe out the House Un-American Activities Committee in favour of a joint Senate-House Civil Rights Committee.

The leader of the group, Representative Walter Huber, told the United Press he would introduce legislation to set up a new civil rights group on January 3, the first day of the new Congress.

He said the new Committee, if created, would take over the work of the Un-American Activities Committee. He added that he hoped to have President Truman's support.

On A Tangent

Representative Huber conceded that the Committee "may have hit pay dirt" in stringing Chambers' charges that Alger Hiss, former State Department policy-maker, and two other former Government officials gave several hundred confidential documents to forward to the Kremlin in 1937-38. But if so, he added, it would be the first time.

"They may go off on a tangent two months from now and smear a lot of innocent people," said Representative Huber. "I personally think there should be a new Committee, regardless."

Although Hiss denied Chambers' charges and filed a US\$75,000 slander suit against him, the Committee last night made public 21 stolen documents which included a diplomatic summary allegedly in Hiss' handwriting. In view of the Committee's action, Hiss immediately issued a new statement in New York, again denying Chambers' charges.

He declared: "I did not, at any time, deliver official documents or information to Mr. Chambers or to any unauthorized persons."

Laws Inadequate

Supporting his demand for revision of the espionage laws, Mr. Nixon pointed to other present

laws based on an obsolete 1917 statute. He said that law was based on the belief that espionage was handled by spies working for pay.

"It did not take into account fifth column activities such as those we are now investigating," he said.

Representative Nixon said even if the New York Federal Grand Jury investigating the Chambers-Hiss affair should find evidence to back up Chambers' charges, it would be difficult to obtain convictions under present espionage laws.

"The laws were designed for the time when Germany had German spies and the Japanese had Japanese spies, and not when the Russians had American Communists doing their spying," United Press.

Outlook For British Xmas Is Formidable

London, December 12.

The Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, will face Parliament tomorrow in the discouraging role of an almost empty-handed Father Christmas.

The country's rigorous economic recovery plans oblige him to tell the public about the seasonal comforts it will be unable to enjoy, despite temporary increases in some basic rations.

The public has the satisfaction of knowing that has again hit the high export target set by Britain for the end of the year—150 per cent of the 1938 figure. But as most of the whisky with which the achievement might normally be celebrated goes abroad to earn more dollars, stimulants with a lower carnival flashpoint will have to be served.

Some people consider that the cast-iron structure of rationing should be slightly eased in the interests of production morale.

From discussing turkey shortages and other aspects of the Christmas food problem, Parliament on Tuesday will turn to the related subject of drink.



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MEDITERRANEAN PACT LIKELY TO BE NEXT

London, December 12.

It was officially indicated today that once the Atlantic Pact, now under discussion in Washington, had been concluded, the Western powers expected to turn their attention to a Mediterranean defence treaty.

It is felt the Mediterranean represents a gap in the global security system which the Western Union nations, together with the United States and Canada, are carefully building up against possible Soviet aggression, a spokesman declared.

Italy would play a large part in the new pact, it is believed, and the suggestion is that negotiations might well take into account the settlement of the fate of the former Italian colonies in North Africa. These include vital strategic air and sea bases like the naval harbour of Tobruk, the port of Tripoli and the group of airfields stretching along the Tripolitanian-Libyan coastal strip.

Nothing as yet has been outlined as the framework for the Mediterranean pact as all energies at present are concentrated on the Atlantic treaty. The discussions in Washington are expected to go ahead for at least another fortnight before any decision will be made regarding invitations to be handed out to the various foundation members who are expected to join the Atlantic accord.

Congress Agreement

An authoritative source pointed out the various stages through which the Atlantic pact would progress until the plenary conference of the signatory powers, expected next February.

After present conversations conclude, the next phase will be discussions to ensure that conditions of the accord do not run counter to bipartisan policy and that Congress is in full agreement with the precise commitments to which the United States will pledge herself.

Having obtained Congressional approval of the terms of the draft treaty, invitations will then be sent to the Brussels treaty powers and possibly also to Portugal, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. If all powers accept, there will be 11 nations represented at the conference table—America, Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland, Portugal, Norway, Denmark and Sweden. Acceptance by Sweden is considered doubtful.

Spanish Question

Two European nations which have shown eagerness to come into the anti-Communist bloc are Spain and Italy. As Mr. Winston Churchill announced in the House of Commons' foreign affairs debate, British Conservatives are anxious to see normal relations restored with Franco Spain. "It is obviously wrong to be the forerunner to inclusion of Spain in any future defence pact."

Official sources agree Spain would be a useful addition to the Atlantic defence bloc, but they point to the fact that the British Labour Government has pledged itself repeatedly not to collaborate with Franco. Inclusion of Italy in the Brussels treaty is unlikely, it was declared, because she would not fit into the military plan now being hammered out for defence in the West. This envisages joint action by the Brussels powers to defend the area between the Rhine and the English Channel, a sphere of action in which Italy could not be expected to play a part because of her geographical position.

As there will be a gap in the global defence system in the strategically-important Mediterranean area, it was decided a Mediterranean pact would be an inevitable corollary to the Atlantic accord.

Italy's participation therein is foreseen and it is suggested the Colonial issue could be solved on the basis of Italian partnership in defence obligations in the Mediterranean area. A Mediterranean pact would include France, Italy, Britain and some other countries.—United Press.

P.I. AMBASSADOR MAY RESIGN

Manila, December 13.

The Philippine Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Joaquin Elizalde, indicated that he might quit the Ambassadorship some time next spring, but emphasized, "There is nothing definite about my plans although obviously I cannot remain in Washington for the rest of my life."

Mr. Elizalde said he was leaving for Washington to resume his post on December 26. He will stop over for three or four days in Tokyo for a conference with General MacArthur.

The Ambassador said President Quirino was planning to visit the United States some time in the spring and stressed that he would be unable to leave his post before then. After the President's trip, however, the final decision on his resignation may be made. It was learned Mr. Elizalde already had told the President he was unable to remain much longer in Government service because his extensive business interests required his personal attention.

He would have resigned long ago, but he was prevailed upon by the late President Manuel Roxas to remain in Washington.—United Press.

Medal For Dr. Koo

New York, December 13. Selection of Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, China's Ambassador to the United States, to receive the 1948 Alexander Hamilton Medal, was announced yesterday.

The medal is awarded annually by the Columbia College Alumni Association for "distinguished service and accomplishment in any field of human endeavour."

Dr. Koo, a 1908 Columbia graduate, was cited for his service in international relations and as a Chinese diplomat. The medal will be awarded at a dinner on January 11.—Associated Press.

Guerilla Attack On Karditsa

Athens, December 12. Tank-supported Government troops today drove off 2,000 guerrilla infantry and cavalry troops who had attacked Karditsa, capital of Thessaly.

Despatches said the guerrillas blew up a power plant and destroyed several shops and houses before retiring.

Karditsa, a city of about 25,000, is an important rail and road junction in Western Thessaly, about 440 miles North West of Athens. There was no immediate report on casualties in the battle, which the despatches said, lasted all day.—United Press.

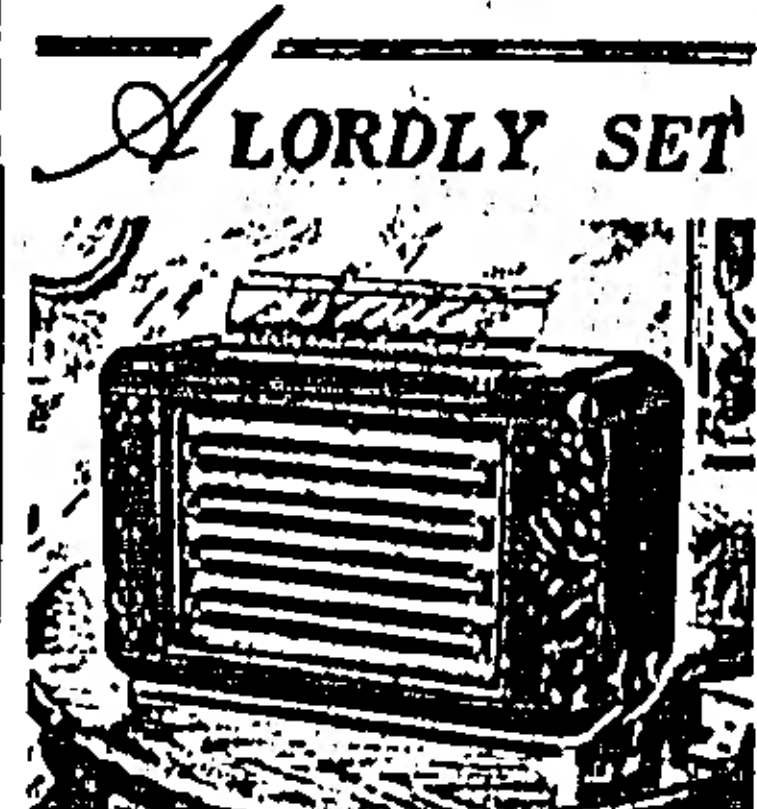
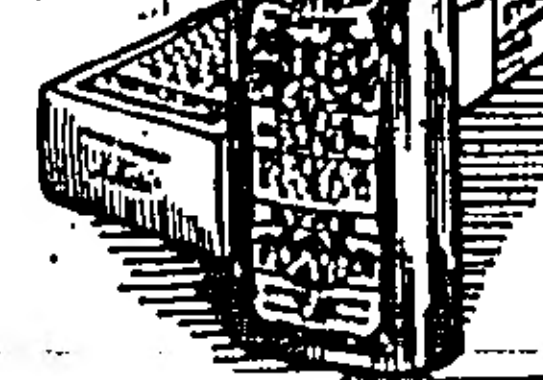


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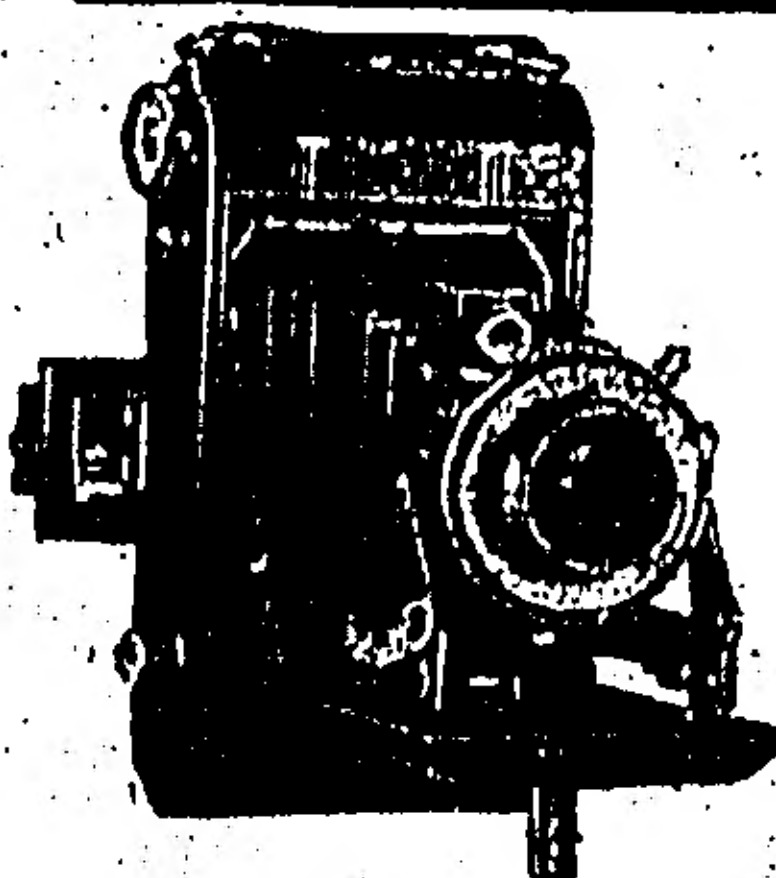
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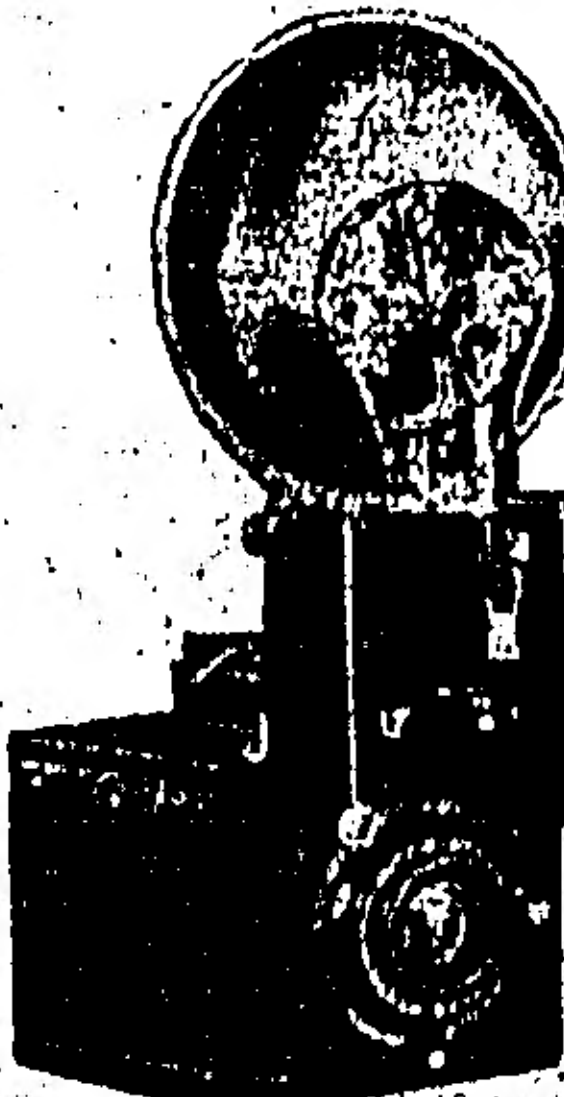
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was the assumption that censorship was applied. On the contrary, my staff and General Patton were told that under no circumstances was there to be any effort to suppress the story. These specific instructions, which I issued personally to a group of newspapermen, covered "indirect pressure" as well as direct censorship. They were flatly told to use their own judgment. That they voluntarily refused to write or speak about the matter is proved by the fact that two of the press representatives who made a detailed report to me of the affair returned to the United States within a few days after the occurrence. They were then no longer under the direct or indirect influence of Allied Headquarters. They were Donat Cattin and Quentin Reynolds.

all of whom were ready to pounce upon the first sign of defection and to take over the Italian nation in name as well as in fact. But in spite of German watchfulness the Italian Government attempted to reach us by sending an agent to Lisbon. I sent there two of my most trusted staff officers, my chief of staff, General Smith, and my intelligence officer, Brigadier, later Major, General Kenneth Strong, to act as emissaries in arranging for the unconditional surrender of the Italian forces.

Then began a series of negotiations, secret communications, clandestine journeys by secret agents, and frequent meetings in hidden places. If encountered in the fictional world, would have been scorned as incredible melodrama. Plots of various kinds were hatched only to be abandoned because of changing circumstances. One of these plots involved the landing of a large airborne force in the vicinity of Rome. At the last moment either the flight of the Italian Government or the movement of German reserves as alleged by the Italians—I have never known which—forced the cancellation of the project. But in the meantime Brigadier General Maxwell D. Taylor, later the gallant commander of the 101st Airborne Division, had been hurried secretly to Rome, where his personal adventures and those of his companion added another adventurous chapter to the whole thrilling story. The risks he ran were greater than I asked any other agent or emissary to undertake during the war—he carried weighty responsibilities and discharged them with unerring judgment, and every minute was in imminent danger of discovery and death.

The Italians wanted frantically to surrender. However, they wanted to do so only with the assurance that such a powerful Allied force would land on the mainland simultaneously with their surrender that the Government itself and their cities would enjoy complete protection from the German forces. Consequently they tried to obtain every detail of our plans. These we would not reveal because the possibility of treachery could never be excluded. Moreover, to invade Italy with the strength that the Italians themselves believed necessary was a complete impossibility for the very simple reason that we did not have the troops in the area nor the ships to transport them had they been there. Italian military authorities could not conceive of the Allies undertaking this venture with less than fifteen divisions in the assault waves. We were planning to use only three with some reinforcing units, aside from the two that were to dash across the Messina strait.

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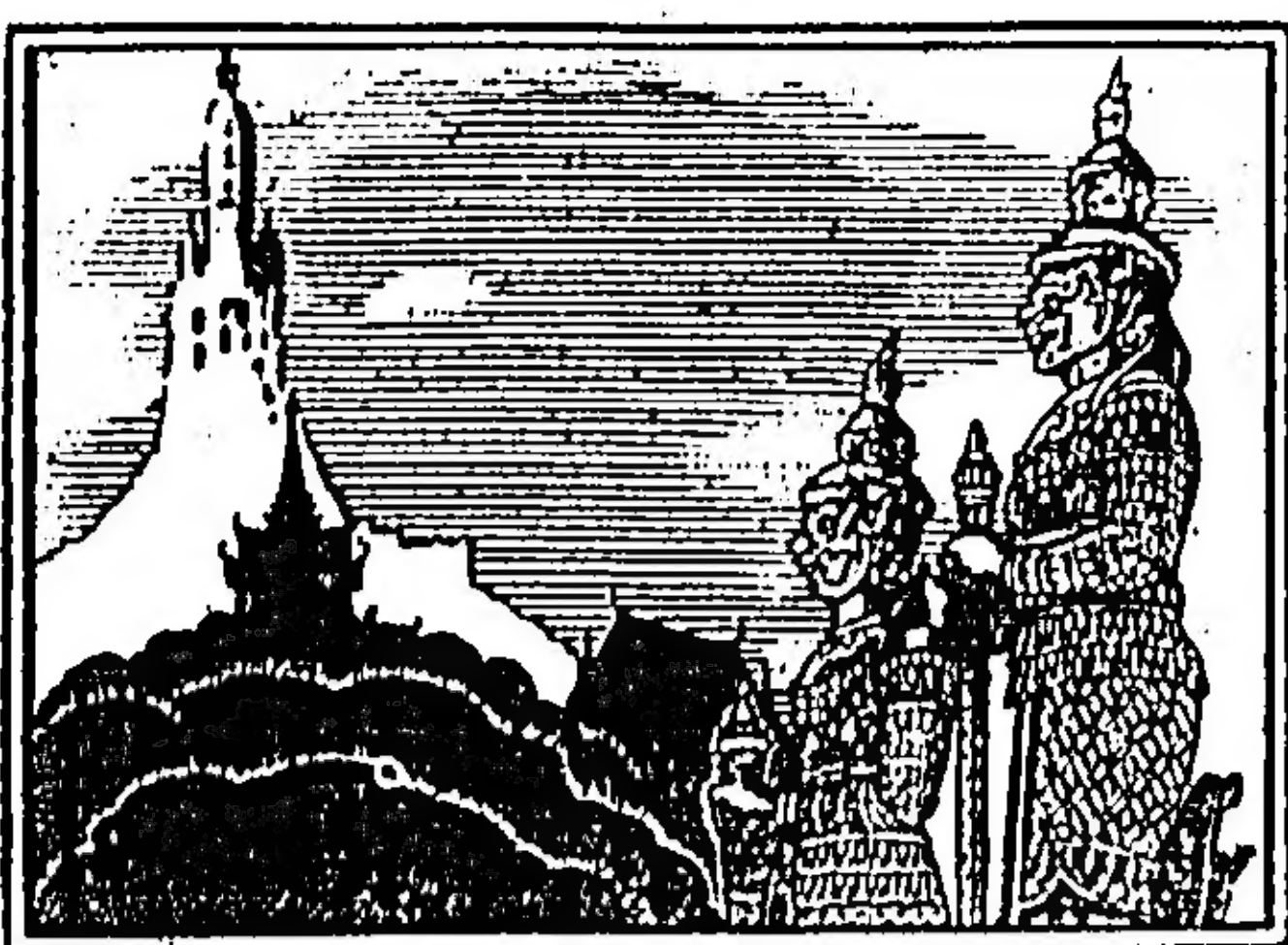
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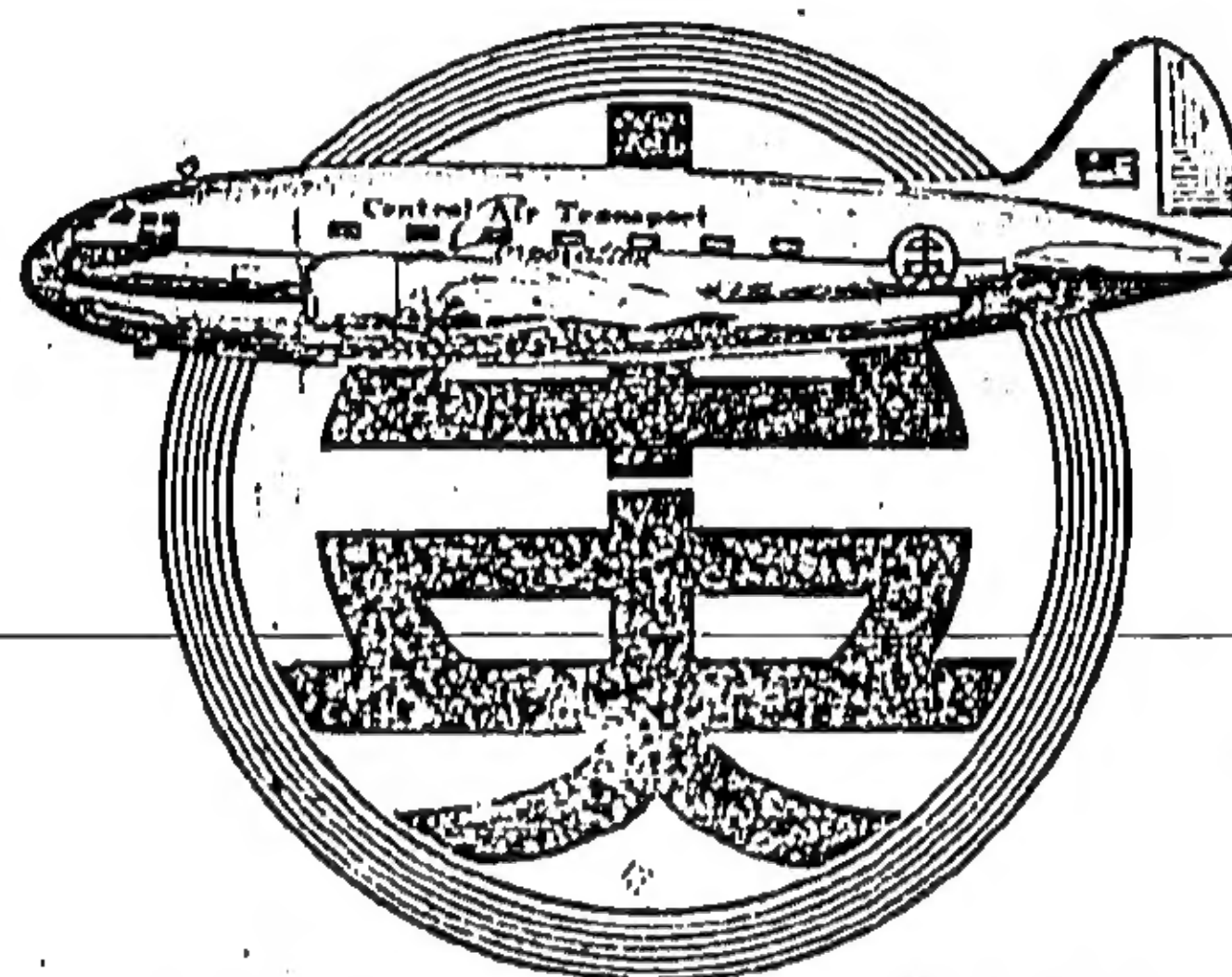
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Much has been said about the "heartlessness" and lack of public spirit of the people of Hong Kong. One criticism, however, cannot be levelled at those whose origin is in the British Isles: well fed they may be, but they do not forget their friends and relatives in the austere, ridden homeland, hundreds of whom are now looking forward to a brighter Christmas because of parcels sent from here.

Apart from known individuals, large numbers of lonely, poor and aged people in Britain are this month returning thanks for the kindness of unknown benefactors in Hong Kong. During the past 12 months, the local Food Parcels to Britain Fund has sent 361,404 lbs of parcels containing such dainties as the recipients have not known for many a year. When the ss. Canton left for home six weeks ago, she was packed with eatables from both public organisations and private persons.

This is not a great food-producing area, but the parts of the Empire which are, have, since the war, increased their shipments to the Motherland—now a soft currency centre which can supply only a fraction of its friends' needs in the way of manufactures. And this in an age of loosening (legal) ties in the Empire and pressure by the newly-important powers. A report by the Commonwealth Economic Committee released over the week-end disclosed that Britain is leaning more heavily than ever on the Dominions and Colonies for her meat imports. They furnished one half of the United Kingdom's reduced quota of all meat in 1947, compared with two-fifths before the war.

Such figures are heartening, especially to the fanatics who say the home country should depend entirely on the Empire—an unworkable suggestion, however much others of us agree with it in principle. Argentina last year was still Britain's largest supplier of beef, and looks like being so far at least another decade. Not that the proud but independent British have much love for the iron dictatorship of Senor Peron or his entrenched landed barons, who only last year were able to wrest from the unpractised "ownership" of the Labour Party the Argentine state railways, built by British capital and engineering skill, for another few months' supply of beef.

An official comment from Buenos Aires before these negotiations were completed was reported round the world: "Let them starve for a bit, and they will soon come to terms." In February the hard-won meat contract expires, and it is again rumoured that blackmail tactics are to be used by the South American republic. Sir Stafford Cripps said at the week-end that Britain will not have its hand forced again; let us hope that it will not be. Peron and company are already feeling the draught of falling maize prices, and his vast surplus of fresh beef could not be transported without Britain's fleet of refrigerator ships, the largest in the world. Let Cripps say to Peron: we will do business with you, but this time, not as beggars.

The development of this international and inter-service spirit began with the establishment of a headquarters in London in July of the previous year. By the end of the Sicilian campaign it was so firmly established and so much a part of the daily lives of commanders and staffs that it was scarcely necessary longer to treat it as a problem.

It was during this campaign that the unfortunate "slapping incident" involving General Patton took place. Patton, on a visit to base hospital to see the wounded, encountered in quick succession, two men who had no apparent physical hurts. Of the first one he met, Patton inquired why he was a patient in the hospital. To this the man replied, "General, I guess it's my nerves." Patton flew into a rage. He had, himself, been under a terrific strain for a period of many days. Moreover, he sincerely believed that there was no such thing as true "battle fatigue" or "battle neurosis." He always maintained that any man who began to show signs of breaking under battle conditions could be shaken restored to a sense of responsibility and to adequate performance of duty. At the moment, also, Patton was in a highly emotional state because of the sights he had seen and the suffering he had sensed among the wounded of the hospital. He broke out into a torrent of abuse against the soldier. His tirade drew protests from doctors and nurses, but so violent was his outbreak that they hesitated to intervene.

Within a matter of moments he met a second soldier under somewhat similar circumstances. This time his emotions were so uncontrollable that he swung a hand at the soldier's head. He struck the man's helmet, which rolled along the ground, and by this time doctors and nurses, overcoming their natural timidity in the presence of the commanding general, intervened between Patton and the soldier.

Both enlisted men were, of course, badly upset. One of them was really ill. The doctors testified that he had a temperature of 102. Patton soon gained sufficient control of himself to continue his inspection and left the hospital. But throughout his visit he continued to talk in a loud voice about the cowardice of people who claimed they were suffering from psychoneuroses and exclaimed that they should not be allowed in the same hospital with the brave wounded men.

The story spread throughout the hospital and among neighbouring units with lightning speed. I soon received an unofficial report from the surgeon commanding the hospital and only a few hours thereafter was visited by a group of newspaper correspondents who had been to the hospital to secure the details. Their report substantially corroborated the one I had already received from the doctor. The question became, what to do? In forward areas it is frequently necessary, as every battle veteran knows, to use stern measures to insure prompt performance of duty by every man of the organization. In a platoon or in a battalion, if there is any sign of hesitation or shirking on the part of any individual, it must be quickly and sternly repressed. Soldiers will not follow any battle leader with confidence unless they know that he will require full performance of duty from every member of the team. When bullets are flying and every man's safety and welfare depends upon every other man in the team doing his job, men will not accept as their leader, Patton's offence, had it been committed on the actual front, within an assaulting platoon, would not have been an offence. It would merely have been an incident of battle—no one would have even noted it, except with the passing thought that here was a leader who would not tolerate shirking.

But because of the time and place of his action Patton's offence was a serious one, more so because of his rank and standing. Thus to assault and abuse an enlisted man in a hospital was nothing less than brutal, except as it was explained by the highly emotional state in which Patton himself then existed. His emotional tensions and his impulsiveness were the very qualities that made him, in open situations, such a remarkable leader of an army. In pursuit and exploitation there is need for a commander who sees nothing but the necessity of getting ahead; the more he advances the more he will save their lives. He must be indifferent to fatigue and ruthless in demanding the last atom of physical energy.

All this I well understood, and could explain the matter to myself in spite of my indignation at the act. I felt that Patton should be saved for service in the great battles still facing us in Europe, yet I had to devise ways and means to minimize the harm that would certainly come from his impulsive action and to assure myself that it would not be repeated. I was then working intensively on plans for the invasion of Italy, and could not go immediately to Sicily. In these circumstances I sent to Sicily

three different individuals in whose judgment, tact, and integrity I placed great confidence. One of these I sent to see General Patton. Another went to visit the hospital in which the trouble occurred. Still a third was sent to visit the divisions of Patton's army to determine for himself the extent to which the story had spread among the troops and to determine their reaction. I not only wanted independent reports from several sources, but I wanted to accomplish the whole investigation as rapidly as possible.

As a result I determined to keep Patton. I first wrote him a sharp letter of reprimand in which I informed him that repetition of such an offence would be cause for his instant relief. I informed him, also, that his retention as a commander in my theatre would be contingent upon his offering an apology to the two men whom he had insulted. I demanded also that he apologize to all the personnel of the

hospital present at the time of the incident. Finally, I required that he appear before the officers and representative groups of enlisted men of each of his divisions to assure them that he had given way to impulse and respected their positions as fighting soldiers of a democratic nation.

All this Patton instantly did and I kept in touch with results again through a series of observers and inspectors.

In the meantime, as soon as I had determined upon my course of action, I called in to see me the group of reporters who had brought me the story of the occurrence. I explained to them in detail the action I had taken and the reasons for it. I read them the letter I had written to Patton and extracts from the letter he wrote me in reply. This, so far as I was then concerned, closed the incident.

On one point connected with the matter there has been considerable misapprehension. This

CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S. K. LEE

Lesson 4

Vocabulary:—

24. (pin) been¹

25. (shue) shue¹

26. (ni) nee¹

27. (koh) gaw²

28. (ti) dee¹

29. (a) ah³

Phrases:—

(A) Been¹ shue²?

Nee¹ shue²

Gaw² shue²

Shue² shue²

Ngaw shue²

Nay shue²

Kui shue²

(B) Been¹ gaw²?

Nee¹ gaw²

Gaw² gaw²

Gaw² gaw²

(C) Been¹ dee¹?

Nee¹ dee¹?

Gaw² dee¹

Sentences:—

A.1 Nay hui³ been¹ shue² ah³?

2. Nay hui³ gaw² shue².

3. Kui lai nee¹ shue².

B.1 Nay hui³ kui shui³ m hui³?

or Nay hui³ m hui³ kui shue²?

2. Ngaw hui³ kui shue².

3. Ngaw m hui³ kui shue².

C.1 Been¹ gaw² ah³?

2. Nay hai been¹ gaw² ah³?

3. Kui hai been¹ gaw² ah³?

4. Nee¹ gaw² hai been¹ gaw² ah³?

5. Gaw² gaw² hai been¹ gaw² ah³?

Side, edge. Which?

A place

This.

That.

Some. Sign of plural for "this and that." Sign of comparative degree.

An ending sound making a sentence nice or natural.

Where?

Here.

There.

Everywhere.

My place.

Your place.

His (her) place.

Who? (referring to a person).

Which? (referring to an object).

This (one).

That (one).

Every.

Which? (plural form).

These.

Those.

Where are you going?

I am going there.

He is coming here.

Are you going to his place? or Will you to to his place?

I am going to his place. or I will go to his place.

I am not going to his place. or I will not go to his place.

Who is it?

Who are you?

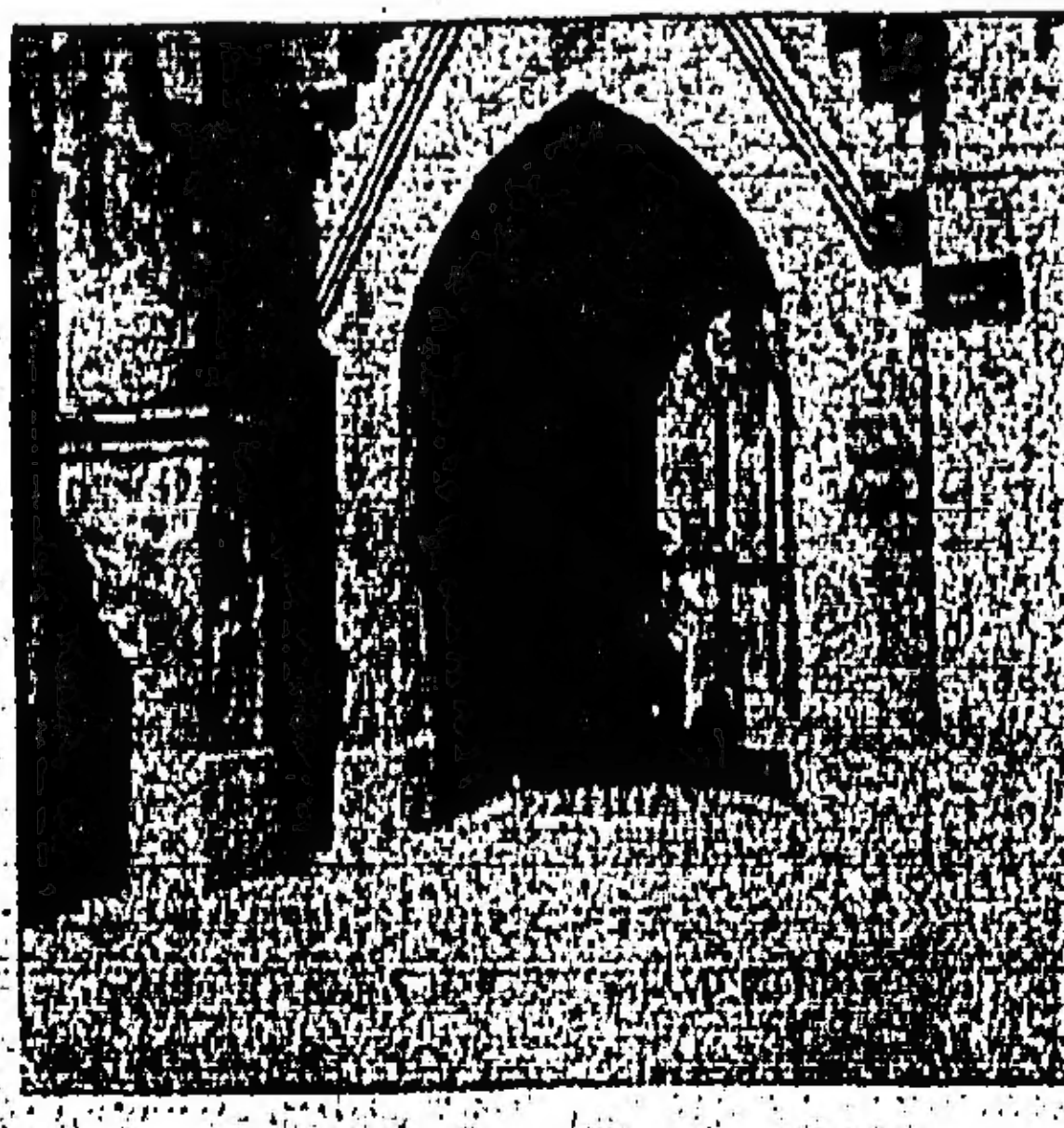
Who is he (or she)?

Who is this?

Who is that?

DO YOU
KNOW
YOUR
HONG
KONG?

Can you recognize where this picture was taken? The answer is in Page Nine.





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Madame Chiang Goes To Church

Washington, December 12.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek, who has apparently
failed in her personal efforts to obtain more
United States military and economic aid for
Communist-threatened China, attended ser-
vices at the Foundry Methodist Church today.
Accompanied by two Chinese Generals, she sat in
the same pew which the late President Roose-
velt and the British Prime Minister, Mr. Wins-
ton Churchill, occupied the day after the
Japanese struck Pearl Harbour.

In the meantime, diplomatic officials insisted again that the
United States would avoid any
interference in China's internal
affairs during the present crisis.
This hands-off attitude re-
flects American support of the
American-British-Russian agree-
ment on China signed at Moscow
three years ago. At that time,
the then Secretary of State, Mr.
James Byrnes, pledged the Uni-
ted States to a policy of "non-
interference."

Sympathetic

Madame Chiang has thus far
conferred once with President
Truman and twice with the
Secretary of State, Mr. George
Marshall, at whose home she is
staying. She said after each
conference with Mr. Marshall
that she felt encouraged.
She had no comment after
talking with the President, but
the White House said Mr. Tru-
man had given her a sympathetic
audience. According to re-
liable sources, that added up to
a polite rebuff and apparently
left a public appeal for aid as
Madame Chiang's last recourse.
China's first lady showed no
visible evidence at the church
service that her mission had
been futile. She was greeted
by the pastor, Dr. Frederick
Brown Harris. The flag of
China had a place of
honour in the chancel as
a symbol of what Dr. Har-
ris called "the enduring bond
between her country and ours."
China already is receiving
some United States aid. Gov-
ernment officials said today that
US\$30,000,000 in United States
Army supplies had been turned
over to Nationalist China under
the US\$125,000,000 military and
economic aid programme ap-
proved last year.

The latest shipment, valued at
about US\$11,000,000 left a West
Coast port on December 1. The
vessel carried 4,500 tons of Army
equipment, mostly small arms
and ammunition.

Patient Sacrifice

Dr. Harris told his congrega-
tion today that it was not the
custom of his Church to make

reference to national or world
leaders who may be present at
its services. However, he ad-
ded, an exception would be made
for Madame Chiang.

"We meet Madame Chiang
Kai-shek with pride in the
patient sacrifice of her nation
and with deepest sympathy in
the present struggle which is
rending that already torn and
tortured land."

The same sinister system
which threatens China and is
reaching out to control Asia,
is plotting the final overthrow
of every national government
of the people, by the people,
for the people.

"We remember that during the
dark days of the war, when
China was offered advantageous
terms if she forsake the Western
democracies, to her everlasting
credit she steadfastly refused."

"In China, in Europe, in Am-
erica, we must confront coercive
regimentation with democracy
pursued of its betrayals and
denials and which actually prac-
tised the sacredness of the in-
dividual of whatever order or
creed of birth."

Dr. Harris pointed out that
one of the chapel windows here
bore a likeness of Madame
Chiang and was chosen "when
we sought for living leaders who
would embody in vision and ser-
vice the freedoms for which the
Allies contended."—United Press.

MISLED ALLIES

Innsbruck, December 12.
Seven former Luftwaffe offi-
cers, a general and six colonels
were sentenced to imprisonment
of up to six weeks today for
misleading the Allied authorities.
They were arrested by the
Austrian police after crossing the
Bavarian-Austrian border with
forged papers. It was stated at
the French military court for the
Tyrol.

They had Red Cross passes as
well as forged Austrian identity
cards and other papers to take
them through Italy.—Reuter.

Novelty For Singapore

Singapore, December 13.
Singapore soon will have
its first completely air-con-
ditioned large office build-
ing—the new nine-storey
branch of the Hong Kong
and Shanghai Bank. The
building is due to be opened
next spring.
The building also will
boast the fastest lifts in
Malaya, its builders said.—
Associated Press.

"Chill" On Madame's U.S. Visit

Washington, December 13.
Senator Arthur Capper, Re-
publican, Kansas, said yester-
day the Pacific area "appari-
ently will have to solve its own
problems until the North At-
lantic peoples are assured of a
fair measure of security."

Commenting on Madame Chiang
Kai-shek's visit to Washington,
Senator Capper said, "During all
my years in public life I do not
recall any happening that had
such a cooling off effect." His
remarks were in a transcription
made here for rebroadcast in
Kansas.

Senator Capper said the "chill"
had been put on Mme. Chiang's
visit because Washington "does
not believe that the country is
ready to back an all out war to
save China from the Chinese
Communists and preserve it for
Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's
Nationalist Government."

"For another thing, the Uni-
ted States military does not be-
lieve it would be wise for the
U.S. to get itself committed to
so large a military undertaking
in the Far East, while Soviet
Russia threatens the peace of
the Middle East and Western
Europe. A two ocean war does
not sound as glorious in 1946
as the talk was in 1939 and
1940."

Senator Capper said it appeared
that this country's foreign policy
in the near future will concern it-
self more with "effectuating an
alliance of North Atlantic friend-
ly nations to try to save West-
ern Europe from Soviet domina-
tion—a step at least toward the
North Atlantic Union."—Asso-
ciated Press.

HOW RED ARE THE CHINA COMMUNISTS?

By John Roderick.

Bairut, December 13.

Who are the Chinese Communists? What is their
aim? Who are their leaders? Are they tied
closely to Russia?

Though they control an area nearly as large as
Europe, little is known of them.

This writer went to Yenan in
November, 1945, and spent
a total of six months there just
before Yenan fell. Yenan is a
cave city set in the Loess hills
of North West China, remote
from civilisation.

Yet from this town, the lea-
ders of Chinese Communists
directed political and military
operations extending as far
North East as Manchuria, a 1,000
miles away, and as far South
as Canton and Hong Kong.

Mao Tse-tung

The brain behind this large
design was the political bureau
of the Party's Central Com-
mittee, headed by Chairman Mao
Tse-tung. It made its orders
known by radio, by courier and
by indoctrination.

I first met Mao at the airfield
the Communists built to accom-
modate American planes during
the war against Japan. He is a
big man, combining dignity with
a curious softness. His massive
head, set on sloping shoulders, is
topped by a mass of straight
black hair.

His face is waxlike in its
whiteness. He rarely smiles.
His ordinary dress is simple:
often the patched jacket and
trousers of the Shenai peasant.
He easily is the dominant per-
sonality in the company of ex-
traordinary individuals.

During the weeks which fol-
lowed, I talked often with Mao
and other Communist leaders.
They affirmed and re-affirmed
that their chief goal was
participation in a coalition
Government for all China.

Break With Stalin

This appears to be their aim
today, except that the Com-
munists formerly were willing to
share power with Generalissimo
Chiang Kai-shek and the Na-
tionalist Kuomintang party he
heads. Now they are intent upon
destroying both. Their avowed
object now is to rule with what

they call "other liberal parties"
as partners.

In internal policies, the Chi-
nese Communists say they are
independent of Russia and have
clashed with Moscow over the
line to follow.

Mao first broke with Prime
Minister Stalin in the early
1930s. Mao refused to base his
revolution on workers, and
turned instead to peasants.
Though he put many farm re-
forms into practice, the pro-
gramme is without question
imbued with the Communist
doctrine of Stalin and Lenin.
The party's avowed intent,
however, is to reach Communism
by gradual stages, passing first
through phases of capitalism to

John Roderick, who re-
cently completed three years
of reporting in China, gives
his views here of the Chi-
nese war. Roderick spent
six months in caves at the
Chinese Communist capital
at Yenan. He is now in the
Middle East on a new as-
signment.

develop the nation's resources
and then to co-operative owner-
ship and finally into full so-
cialism.

Foreign Outlook

Though the party may follow
an independent line nationally,
its foreign outlook is almost
identical with Russia's.

When Russia opposes the
United States and Britain, it
does also. If Moscow suddenly
launches a peace offensive, the
hostile propaganda of the Chi-
nese Communists falls off and is
replaced with conciliatory
gestures.

American aid to the Nation-
alists has intensified opposition
to the United States. Moscow
is kept fully informed of the
Chinese Communist moves.

Militarily, however, there is
little known evidence that the
Soviets have contributed very
heavily to the Chinese Com-
munists, except for a quantity
of Japanese arms the Russians
left behind when they quit
Manchuria. This is not to say
that, should future needs arise,
the Soviets would hesitate to
come to their assistance.

Albania A Model

Should the Communists take
over the government, there is
a prospect for a period of co-
operation with the Western De-
mocracies as well as with Rus-
sia.

This might approximate
the recent history of Albania,
which first welcomed Ameri-
can representatives and treat-
ed them with courtesy. The
hard fact of Albania's govern-
ment was that Russia stepped
in and Albania, backed by her
mighty patron, got tough.

Whether the Chinese Com-
munists would follow such a line
is a question to which Washing-
ton and other anti-Communist
capitals would like the answer.
They don't know.—Associated
Press.

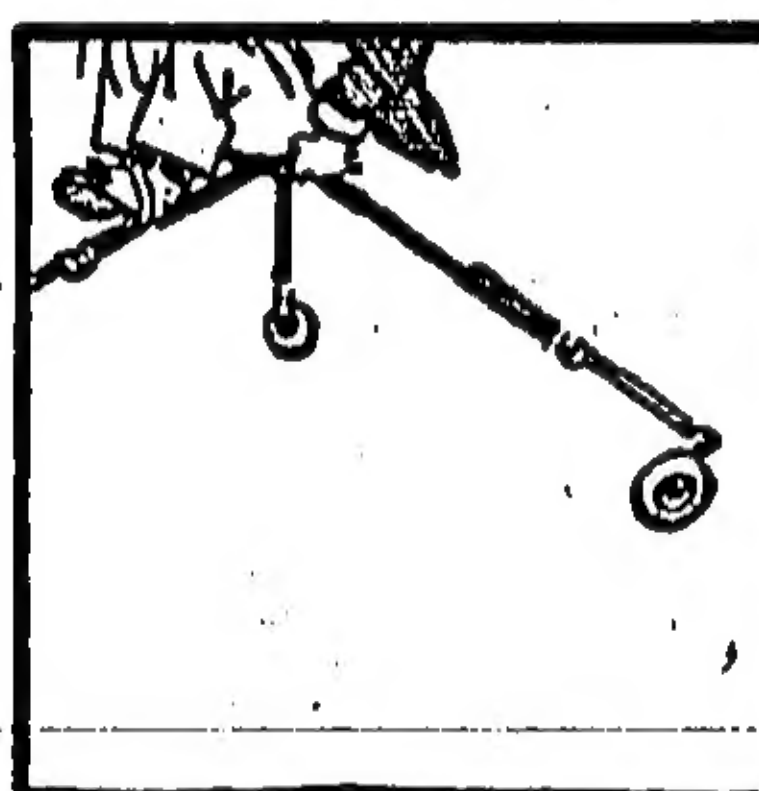
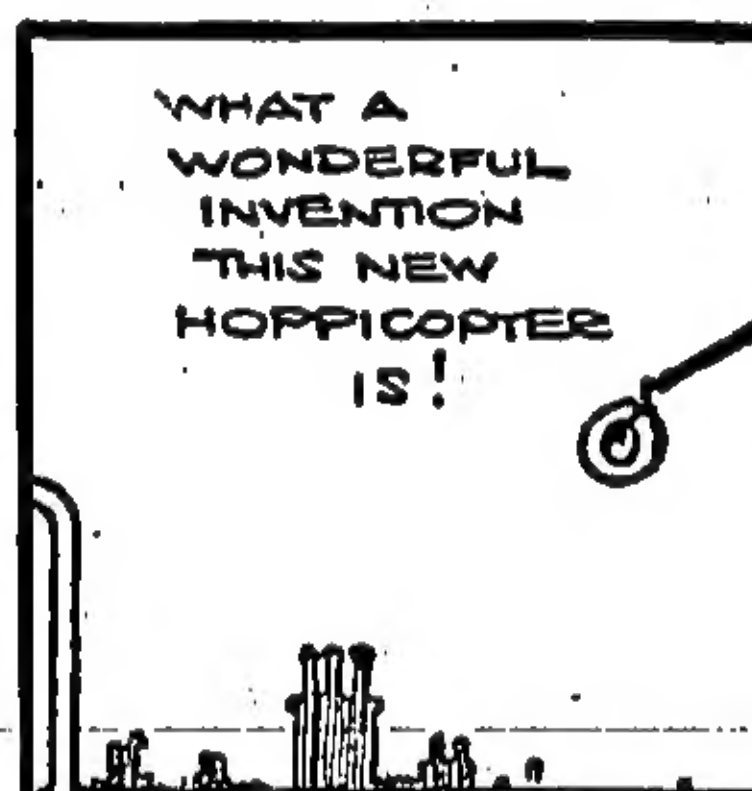
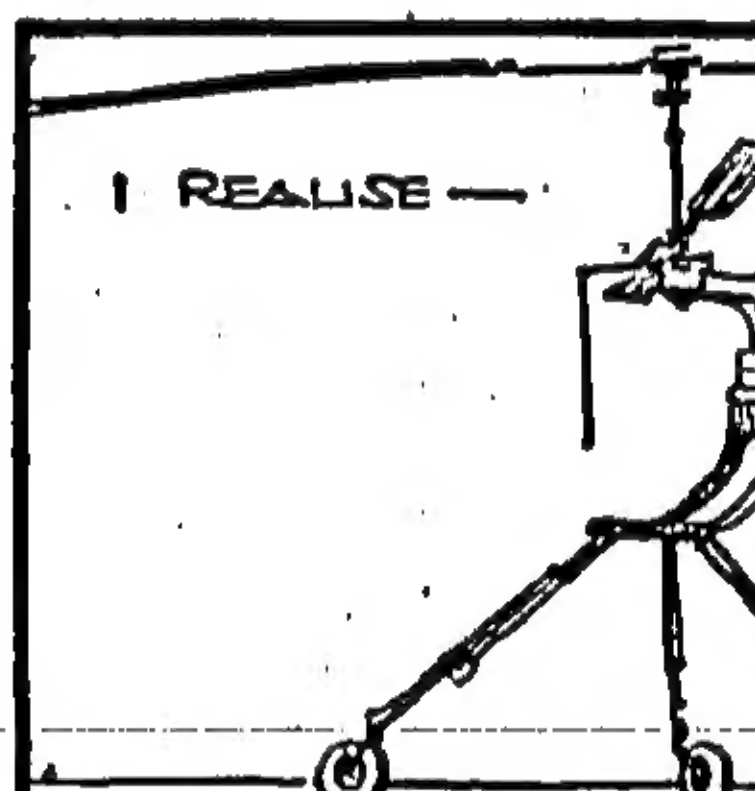
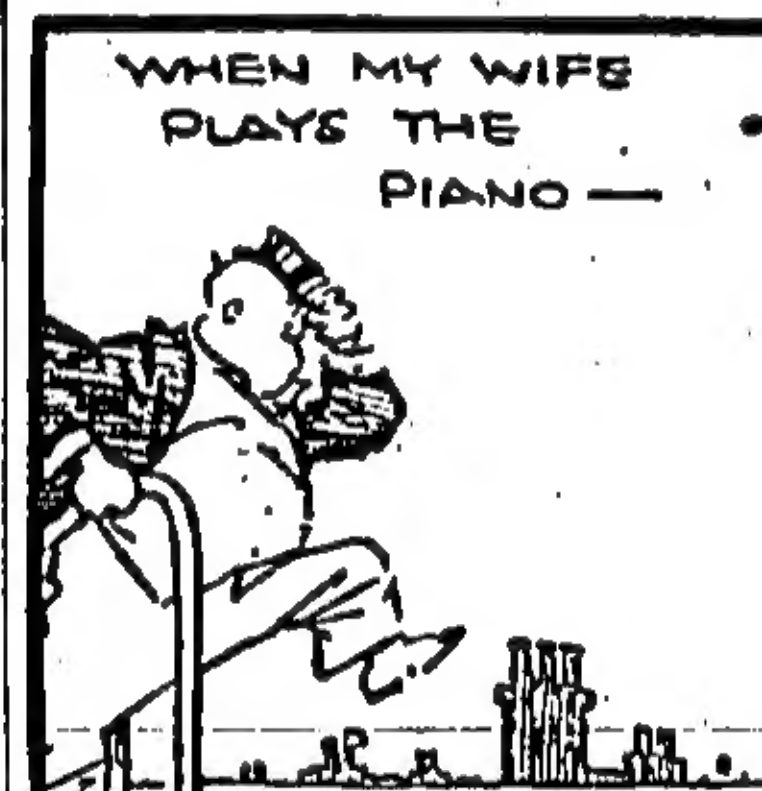
JAP PRINCE MAKES APPEAL

Tokyo, December 12.

Prince Takamatsu, the
younger brother of Emperor
Hirohito, said today that he
did not believe the Emperor
would abdicate or accept the
Catholic faith as was recently
rumoured.

The Prince appealed to Aus-
tralians to co-operate with Ja-
pan in its advance towards de-
mocracy. Unless Australia and
the other countries similarly
placed were prepared to accept
the provisions of the new Japa-
nese constitution, the progress for
Japan would be difficult, he said.
Takamatsu added that Japan
would at the same time hope to
do its part to prove itself
worthy of Australian considera-
tion.—Reuter.

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TRUTH OR SPOOF?

RUSSIAN TROOPS IN BERLIN DO NOT LOOK LIKE BATTLE HEROES

By Robert Musil

Berlin, December 12.

Since Russia fooled the world by using her second-string army in the Finnish war of 1939, people have been chary of criticising Marshal Stalin's military machine.

This correspondent is no exception. But for the last few days he has been walking through the Soviet sector of this partitioned city, goggling at men and officers who seem to bear no relation to the almost legendary heroes who triumphed over the German Wehrmacht.

Most newspapermen who have seen the Russians here at close range have about the same opinion. If the shabby troops in this Western outpost of Russia are the pick of Stalin's men—as they are sometimes said to be—it raises the interesting question of what sort of troops are stationed closer to Moscow where the West cannot see them. But there again, Marshal Stalin may be trying to fool the West.

Urgent Business

The flower of his forces may have been withdrawn to the homeland, to be replaced by men and boys—mostly the latter—one sees trudging through the streets of their sector in worn grey-blue overcoats and never looking very happy in daylight. I have yet to see one of them smile.

They ride stiffly in little automobiles or march along as though bound on urgent business, without friendly curiosity for Americans, British or French.

The American military intelligence suspects that the Russian troops are not as well fed or billeted as their wartime allies and that bathing facilities certainly are more limited too.

Most Americans who deal directly with the Russians say they are not such bad fellows when you get to know them and that they have real respect for some of the Soviet officers. Of the Russian rank and file, one American officer said, "They're not so much individually, but there's so darn many of them."

Reports Exaggerate

Occasionally Russians wander into the Anglo-American sectors in search of frivolity and sometimes American and British Military Police have to spank them when the celebrating gets too violent and send them back home.

SOUTH AFRICAN CRISIS

Pretoria, December 12.

The leader of the Afrikaner Party, Nicolaas Havenga, was quoted tonight as saying: "I will not make a break with the Nationalist Party, and I will not ask my Party to do so."
Havenga, who is the Minister of Finance, is reported to have made the statement after a private meeting of the Afrikaner Party for his majority support in Parliament.—Reuter.

INDIA-PI DRAFT TREATY COMPLETED

Manila, December 12.

A draft treaty of friendship between India and the Philippines was completed yesterday on technical levels.

After approval of the agreement by the two governments, the treaty will be signed in Washington by Ambassador Jaganmohan Lal and The Indian Ambassador.

Dr. J. M. Shrinagesh, India's Vice Minister of Commerce, and Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs Felino Neri arranged terms of the agreement.—Associated Press.

CZECH-SOVIET TEXTILE DEAL

Prague, December 12.
M. Ludwig Kallina, director of the Czech State textile combine, today announced a 4,500 million crown (\$22,500,000) textile deal with the Soviet Union—the biggest single deal in the history of Czechoslovak foreign trade.

The Soviet Union will supply 15,000 tons of raw cotton and will receive 8,000 to 10,000 tons of finished textile products from Czechoslovakia in payment.

Russia will also furnish 1,500 tons of wool, 300 tons of camel hair, 500 tons of flax fibre, 150 tons of jute, 60 tons of animal hair and 50 million crowns worth of skins for hat-making.

Prague newspapers today emphasised that the present Soviet-Czech talks in Moscow were taking place on the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Soviet-Czech friendship pact of 1943 and predicted new steps to reinforce the friendship of the two countries.—Reuter.

Civil Rights Tussle Looming In Congress

Washington, December 12.

The job of getting the civil rights legislation through the Congress without causing new rifts in the Democratic Party appeared today as the hardest chore facing Vice-President elect Alben W. Barkley.

Some Southern Democrats, who are certain that some civil rights legislation is sure to be pressed this time, feel that Mr. Barkley is the only person in the world who can do the job—if it can be done at all.

One of Mr. Barkley's big jobs as Vice-President will be to get administration bills through the Senate without stepping on too many toes. However, the party compromise on the racial question has just about disappeared.

"Adjustment"

Mr. Barkley and President Truman are firmly committed to the civil rights section in the Democratic platform which split the party in the November election. But some Southern Democrats have taken heart in the fact that Barkley said recently that he did not like the word "compromise" when speaking of legislation.

He preferred the word "adjustment." They are clinging to the faint hope that the form of civil rights legislation could be "adjusted" to meet the constitutional argument they always have made about poll tax and lynching bills. Some Southern Senators have said they would filibuster on racial legislation if certain "adjustments" can be made. One

Safe Mandate

Senator Harry F. Byrd, one of the leaders of the Southern bloc, said he doubted that President Truman and Mr. Barkley could make such an agreement even if they wanted to. He said that "many new members of Congress who were elected with Mr. Truman and Mr. Barkley will have a considerably safe mandate to go through with his legislation at all costs."

Anticipating that both "compromise" and "adjustment" will fail, the Southern Democrats are looking for Parliamentary rules to be sure that they have every filibuster weapon available.

There have been reports that Mr. Barkley might rob them of one weapon by ruling a motion to table up one of the controversial bills is not subject to an unlimited debate.

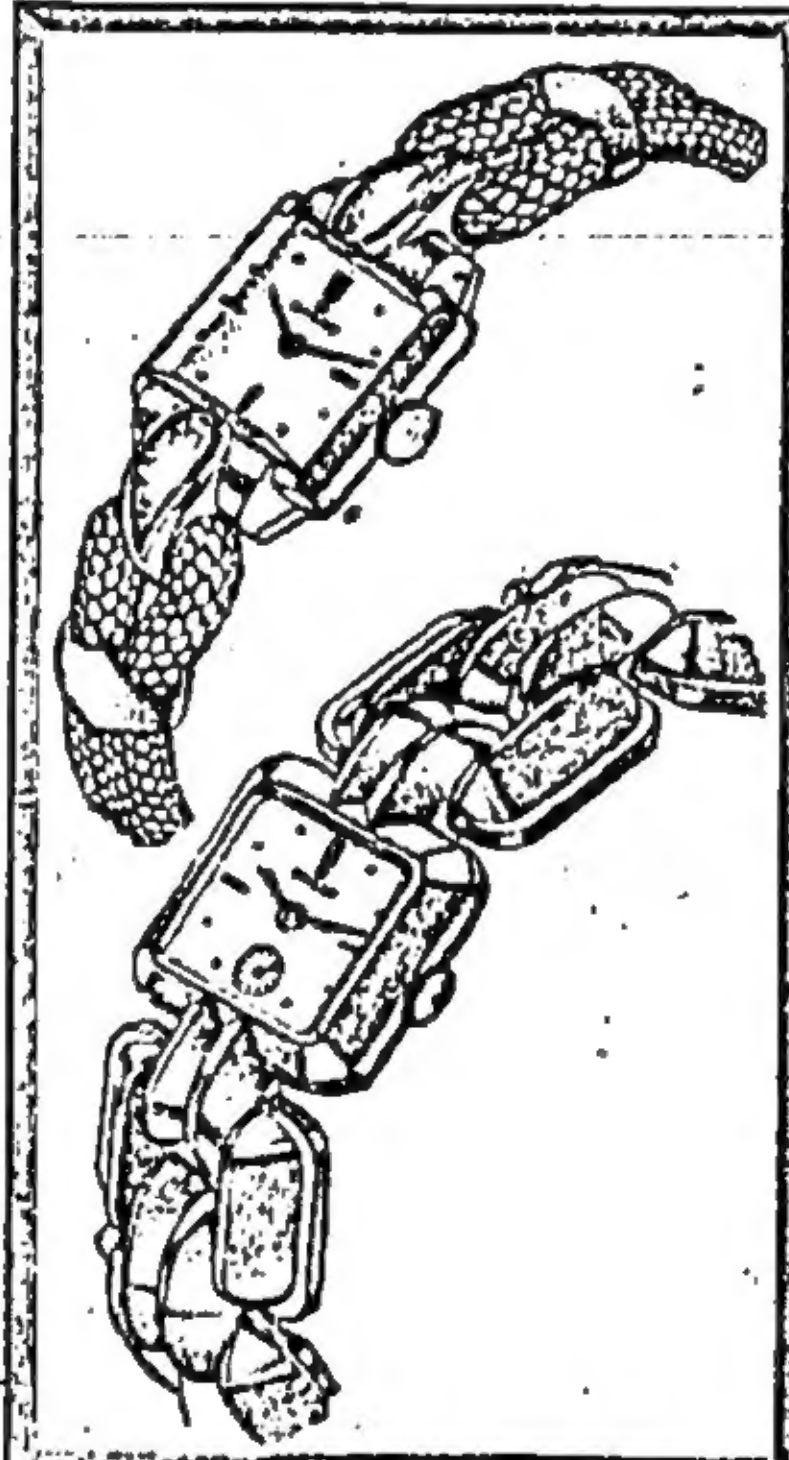
Byrd said, "If he does, we will be ready for it. The rules of the Senate clearly provide that you can take an appeal from any ruling of the chair. And rules are equally clear that there is no limit on the debate which follows the appeal from the ruling chair.—United Press.

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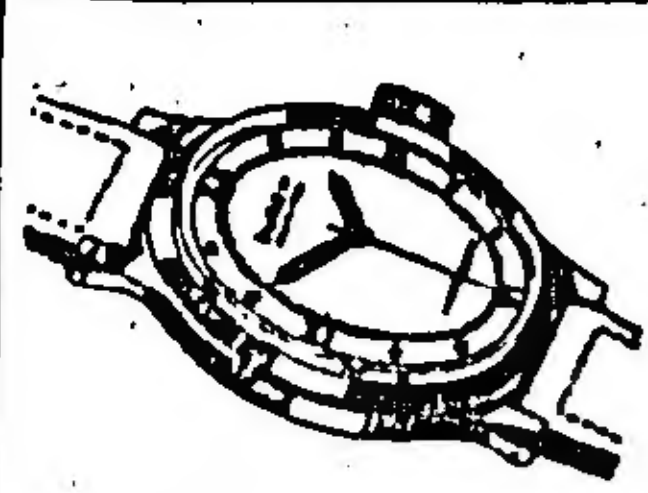
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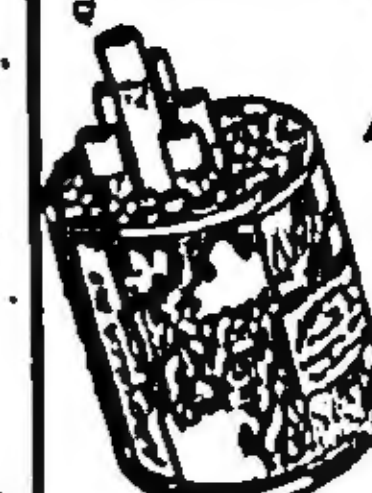
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VRC TOPPLES CANADIANS IN SOFTBALL ENCOUNTER

(By "GRANDSTAND")

VRC toppled the Canadians from their lofty perch as they shattered the Canucks' nine-game winning streak with a 13-10 triumph, featured by free-hitting on both sides.

The thrilling slug-fest which had fans from both camps yelling themselves hoarse was marred by an accident in the sixth inning which necessitated the removal of Canadian third-sacker George White to hospital.

More Births Than Deaths

Births outnumbered deaths by more than five to one during the week ended December 4. It was officially stated yesterday.

Total births were 1,102 against 211 deaths from all causes including 29 from tuberculosis, three from diphtheria and one from enteric fever.

There were more births on the island than on the mainland, the figures being 681 and 477 respectively, and 64 in the New Territories.

During the same period 109 cases of tuberculosis, seven each of diphtheria and enteric fever, four of measles, three of dysentery and one each of chickenpox and whooping cough, were registered.

New Angle To Mix-Up Of Players

A new development has taken place in connection with the case in which two players of the Chinese A.A. were sent off the field during the Senior Shield soccer match between Chinese A.A. and Club at Boundary Street, in December 5.

The new development has taken the form of a demand by the Hong Kong Football Association that they produce the player originally sent off the field.

This demand has been made consequent upon the dropping, by the HKFA Emergency Sub-committee last week, of a charge against Ho Yau-wei, a Chinese A.A. player. The charge was dropped because the referee who lodged the complaint was unable to say one way or another whether Ho was the player whom he originally sent off the field.

The action which has been taken by the HKFA has caused much dissatisfaction in Chinese soccer circles and it is understood that apart from a submission that the onus is on the referee to name the player concerned, the demand of the HKFA to issue the demand under reference is being questioned.

Soccer Programme

The following is the soccer programme for this coming week-end:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

FIRST DIVISION
Army v. China (Navy, 4 p.m.); Referee: C. Turrall; Linemen: Pte. Collins and J. Day.
KMB v. Police (Boundary, 4 p.m.); Referee: J.G. Valley; Linemen: W. Gibson and R. Richardson.
South China "B" v. RAY (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.); Referee: L.G. Young; Linemen: Mak Yung Fai and Li Ding Tong.

SECOND DIVISION
Navy v. Dockyard (Navy, 2.30 p.m.); Referee: N. Delgado.
KMB v. Army-KL (Boundary, 2.30 p.m.); Referee: A.F. Willis.
University v. PCA (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.); Referee: P.A. Barretto.
St. Joseph's v. Police (St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.); Referee: Lt. Davey.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

FIRST DIVISION
Navy v. CAA (Navy, 4 p.m.); Referee: W. Gaffney; Linemen: A. Ribeiro and Li Ping Jui.
Kwong Wah v. Eastern (Boundary, 4 p.m.); Referee: J.E. de Silva; Linemen: Liu Siu Hing and P.M. Xavier.
South China "A" v. St. Joseph's (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.); Referee: Capt. Blount; Linemen: B.Y. Kwok and T. George Kiu Chee (Ray).

SECOND DIVISION
Taihook v. Tramways (Navy, 2.30 p.m.); Referee: Li Ding Tong.
OAA v. Soldiers (Boundary, 2.30 p.m.); Referee: J. Ward.
Kiu Chee v. W.D. Chinese (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.); Referee: Leung Yuk (Ray).
Army-KL v. South China (Boundary, 2.30 p.m.); Referee: W. Crawford; Club (Ray).

Description Of Locel Paper Chase

(Contributed)
The first Paper Chase organised by the newly constituted Polo and Hunt Club took place on Sunday. The meet was at the Officers' Mess, 2/10 Gurkha Rifles Sun Wai, who were very kindly "at home", and most horsemen partook of a little jumping powder before facing the hazards of the chase.

"Hounds" finally moved off at 11.30 and 17 horsemen dashed across the old Sun Wai Racecourse rather like a herd of buffalo. Captain Carr quickly picked up the line and, encouraged by Master's horn, the field dashed towards the road. Here there was a check, the line being picked up again opposite Sun Wai Tseu. From there we ran to Lo Tseu, saw a tricky bit of country swinging left handed behind Lane Kok Wai. By now the field had thinned out a bit and there had been some grief but no serious injury.

Onward we went to Queens Hill where the whole field was cleverly fooled by the "fox" running a false line for some distance. Recovering the line, "hounds" ran fast behind Fo Ti Pat, crossed the R. Chenab and then over the road in the direction of Low Hill. Again "hounds" were at fault and the line was finally recovered by the Carrs. The "fox" took the followers past the old Stables and, as was to be expected, there was a good deal of grief but nothing serious, although Flom Anderson had the bad luck to fall on the road and lame her horse rather badly.

The most encouraging feature of the meet was the enthusiasm both of those mounted and those unmounted. What is needed now is more horses, since we cannot meet the demands for mounts.

Anyone willing to give or sell a pony to the Club should contact: Miss M. De Burgh Morris, 2, Kadoorie Avenue, Kowloon. Tel. 57192.
Applications for mounts should also be made to the same person. The next two meets are: December 19, 11.30 p.m. Dills Corner. December 20, 12 noon. Bee's Stables.

Wah Yan Alumni Hold Meet

Wah Yan Past Students' Association held its 11th annual general meeting in King's Building on Saturday.

A report of the year's activities and a statement of accounts were made by the secretary, Mr. Wong Chin-wah and the treasurer, Mr. Kwan Man-wai.

The election results proved a great vote of appreciation and of confidence in the Council of 1948 which was re-elected almost to a man.

The result of the elections follows: president: Mr. Ko Fook-sun; vice-president: Mr. Lim Hing-ping; secretary: Mr. Wong Chin-wah; treasurer: Mr. Kwan Man-wai.

The names of the councillors are Messrs. Chan Kam-to, Cheung Chi-kwong, Chow Pak-hang, Lam King-fun, Lo Ka-hing, Reggie Sei, Wong Chung-ngar and Yu Ping-chung.

As a gesture of appreciation of his kindness and ready assistance, the Reverend Fr. E. Bourke was unanimously elected honorary president of the Association.

The Chinese Merchants' S.N. Company, owners of the vessel, told the "China Mail" that the movement of the soldiers is military secret. They declined to specify the ranks or destination of the soldiers.

Travelling with them are more than 60 tons of military stores. Both the soldiers and the stores are in transit, the company declared.

The Tien Shan did not bring any commercial cargo, or other passengers. The date of her departure is still unknown.

Draw For F.A. Cup Third Round

London, December 13.

Draw for the third round of the Football Association Cup matches to be played on January 8—with replays the following Saturday—was made today in London, as follows:

Birmingham	v	Leicester	Luton	v	West Ham
Portsmouth	v	Stockport	Burnley	v	Charlton
Gateshead	v	Aldershot	Newcastle	v	Bradford
Preston	v	Mansfield	Crews	v	Sunderland
Durby	v	Sport or York	Notts F.	v	Liverpool
Brentford	v	Middlesbrough	Torquay	v	Coventry
Arsenal	v	Spurs	Swindon	v	Stoke
Plymouth	v	Notts Co.	Fulham	v	Walsall
Sheffield U.	v	Bradford C. or N. Brighton	Blackburn	v	Reading or Hull
Bristol C.	v	Chelsea	Yeovil	v	Bury
Leeds United	v	Newport C.	Wolves	v	Huddersfield
Rotherham	v	Derby	Barnsley	v	Chesterfield
Everton	v	Manchester C.	Grimaby	v	Exeter
Manchester U.	v	Bournemouth	Sheffield W.	v	Southampton
Walthamstow or Oldham	v	Cardiff	Lincoln	v	West Brom
Villn	v	Bolton			

Hong Kong Volunteers To Be Reorganised

The Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps is to be reorganised with new scope and probably a new name, the "China Mail" learned last night.

Colonel L. T. Ride, Corps Commandant, returned from consultations at the Colonial Office more than a month ago.

Colonel Ride said yesterday that he is not in a position to say anything. Plans, he said, have been decided but it is for the Government to disclose them.

Interviewed on the subject in September last, when Colonel Ride was still in London, a Government spokesman said that "a decision when final arrangements full detailed statement will be made."

From other sources yesterday, the "China Mail" learned that a Bill is expected to be presented to the Legislative Council soon for reorganising the Corps into what may be called "The Hong Kong Volunteer Force."

Previously, it was learned that the new volunteer constitution will be on a considerably higher level than it was before the war. The Force is likely to include military, naval, and air force sections besides civil defence units.

Modern arms and equipment will be provided for the Force. Questioned yesterday, a Government spokesman said there was "no information."

The strength of the Volunteer Defence Corps before the war was about 2,000.

Official information on the proposed strength of the new Force was not available yesterday.

TARAWA CAGERS GAIN REVENGE

At Caroline Hill last night, USS Tarawa's basketball team avenged their defeat on Sunday by the Colony's Champions, South China Athletic Association, whom they beat by the narrow margin of 38 points to 36 after a strongly contested struggle.

Bus Driver Charged With Dangerous Driving

The allegation that defendant twice attempted to crowd a taxi off the road was made by the prosecution when Lui Pui, 29-year-old driver of bus 4246, was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with dangerous driving or, alternatively, careless driving.

Divisional Inspector J. Hunter, Kowloon Traffic Office, said that about 4.15 p.m. on December 12 a taxi, belonging to the Blue Taxi Cab Co., in response to a telephone message, was outside 184 Nathan Road, parked between two trees.

Just as the members of Mr. W. J. Keates' family were boarding the taxi, defendant's bus stopped close to the side of the taxi, although the place was not an official bus stop.

There being just room between the bus and the tree for the taxi to start, the driver started his car. At this precise moment, the defendant also started up, and ran parallel, forcing the taxi to accelerate to get clear.

The taxi got nearly as far as Cameron Road when the defendant's bus again drove close alongside, forcing the driver to swerve sharply left. The bus cut immediately in front of the taxi and stopped, beside the Dairy Farm, and the taxi driver had to slow down considerably and swerve to the right in order to avoid colliding with the bus.

Walter James Keates, Editor-in-Chief of the "China Mail", said \$1,000.

"No Foul" Rule Becomes Controversy In Britain

London, December 12.

APL's Eagle Seen Again In Colony

Hong Kong saw the American President Lines' "Eagle" again yesterday after a lapse of nearly 10 weeks with the arrival of the APL freighter Williamette Victory from Kobe.

Among the 800 tons of general cargo that she carried were personal effects of evacuees from North China. The vessel did not have any passengers.

The APL Hong Kong Office announced a regular schedule has again been inaugurated.

Vessels operating the APL Trans-Pacific Service include the President Wilson, President Cleveland—luxury liners running from the Orient to the Pacific coast—General Meigs and General Gordon.

For their round-the-world service, APL has de luxe travel type C-3 passenger-freighter carriers, the President Polk and the President Monroe. Additional fast new C-4 freighters with limited passenger space are also available.

APL also runs a monthly service to the Dutch East Indies, Straits and the Philippines.

Painting Exhibit Impresses

Art lovers were treated to a very fine exhibition of oil and water colour paintings in St. John's Hall yesterday.

The exhibits were the works of two leading artists, Mr. K. K. Lim of Amoy, and Mr. Arthur Lindsay of Melbourne, Australia. There were in all about 80 pieces on display.

Paying tribute to the artists, Mr. Robert Bruce, the British Council representative in Hong Kong who opened the exhibition, said the pictures represented works of skill and close observation, and very much in the tradition of Europe.

While keeping to the traditional school of painting they also showed individual merits of their own, distinguished by the skill of draughtsmanship and design, he said.

A large gathering attended the opening ceremony and throughout the afternoon a steady stream of people came in to view the exhibition.

NO DATE YET FOR REFEREE'S DINNER

The Referees' Association meeting held last night at the HKFA office at Prince's Building was attended by only seven referees.

The Chairman of the Association, Mr. A. E. P. Gueen, and the Hon Secretary Mr. F. Silva were both absent.

Mr. J. Panney took over the chair and Mr. Gaffney acted as Secretary.

In fixing a date of their annual dinner, Mr. Padney said it was unwise to decide a date, and it was agreed that the matter should be discussed at their next meeting which will be held on January 3, 1949.

HOCKEY MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

A meeting of the Hong Kong Hockey Association will take place at the Board Room of the South China Morning Post on Wednesday, at 5.30 p.m.

The main item on the Agenda will be to elect representatives for the International Hockey Tournament and also to fix a date for the interport match with Mexico.

FILIPINO GIRLS' SOFTBALL TEAM

The players representing the Girls for the Philippine Team at the International Softball Series are: Joseette Tiampo, Diana Xavier, Betty Liang, Rosa Tiampo, Elie Babida, Alec Mendoza, Sonia Colloco, Cecile Armulup, Lily Yen, Gracette Colloco, Marie-Louise Armulup, Theresa Chan, Colina Lujan, and Teresita Botella.

Messrs. Diesta and Moll will be the manager and coach respectively.

A controversy similar to that which raged nearly 20 years ago and resulted in the United States introducing the "no foul" rule has been provoked by the disputed disqualification of the American heavyweight, Leo Savold, in his recent fight with Bruce Woodcock, the British champion.

Boxing critics and "fans" both in England and the United States are now urging the British Boxing Board of Control to introduce the rule before the public lose all interest in boxing.

American sports writers, pointing out that American boxers will hesitate before risking their reputations in Britain, are prophesying the introduction of the rule in British boxing.

"Something will have to be done to stop this undignified grovelling in front of women patrons of the sport," said an American boxing official. "We just wouldn't stand for it in the States."

Not A Business

Colonel Eddie Fagan, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, thinks the "no foul" rule saved boxing in New York State and he would like to see it introduced in Britain.

The Board are unlikely to be stung into action, and the Stewards are not expected to call a meeting to discuss the introduction or otherwise of the rule in Britain.

"This question has been discussed on many previous occasions and has always been turned down flatly by the Stewards on the ground that boxing in Britain is still a sport and not a business as it is in the United States," said Mr. Charles F. Donmall, the Board's Secretary.

Giving his personal opinion, Mr. Donmall added: "The rule that a man should not hit below the belt comes from the early prize ring rules, the reason being that this is a dangerous area to hit anyone and one which a boxer finds it impossible to defend." Regarding the use of protective cups, Mr. Donmall said that no boxer if he knew his job and was a clean fighter should ever have occasion to be disqualified.—Reuter.

At the Chinese YMCA last night, the Singapore table-tennis team again lost to the local Oil Lun Club team by two to three.

No Yachting Team For FIC

Contrary to expectations, the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club will not be able to send Rowing Crews to Saigon to compete in the Regatta being held at that port on Saturday next.

The Club had hoped to send representatives, but the majority of its members are employed in commercial firms and were unable to get away at this busy time of the year.

Arrangements had tentatively been made for Squadron Leader N. M. W. Harris and Captain W. Bull, RA, to represent the Club at Saigon, but "Exercise Fultum" interfered considerably with the arrangements, and the Club's crewmen were unable to put in the necessary training.

Application was made to the Air Officer Commanding for permission to fly the Yacht Club crew to Saigon, but the request was rejected.

SQUASH RACKETS CHAMPIONSHIP

The results of the quarter finals in the Squash Rackets Open Championship played last week were:

Comd. (S) F.V. Harrison R.N. beat N.C. Begley 3-0.

W.H. Lydall beat Inst. Comd. E.F.R. Byng R.N. 3-1.

R.W. Franklin beat Capt. T.J. Monaghan 3-0.

J.K. Wilson beat Lt. Col. J.S. Vickers 3-1.

The semi-finals are being played tonight on the Victoria Courts:—

Comd. (S) Harrison v. W.H. Lydall (6 p.m.).

R.W. Franklin v. J.K. Wilson (6.30 p.m.).

The finals will be played at the Victoria Squash Courts on Friday, December 17, at 6 p.m.

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